



HOME AGAIN AND IN ACTION—First picture of Prime Minister Churchill, as, sun-tanned and recovered from his attack of pneumonia, he went directly to Commons on his return to London to resume full leadership of Britain. He promised a wildly cheering House that he would make a statement soon on progress of the war. (Telephoto.)



SURVIVORS OF ARGENTINE QUAKE—Youthful survivors of the earthquake which leveled 90 per cent of San Juan, Argentina, sit dejectedly amid the ruins of their homes waiting to be evacuated to an emergency tent city in Mendoza. It is estimated that casualties run as high as 10,000 in this Andes town of 36,000 population. (Radio-photo.)



CARRIER HAS CLOSE CALL—Smoke spirals from a Jap Zero, which missed its mark in a suicide dive for the deck of this U.S. carrier and plunged into the sea a few feet off the stern of the ship. Carrier crewmen flatten themselves against the superstructure to escape death from the sky as gunners drive off and down enemy planes making fierce counter-attack. (Telephoto.)

City temperatures for 24 hours: Min. 36; Max. 47.

Amateur Gardener
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Final BULLETINS

3 Island Fliers In Berlin Raid

LONDON (CP)—Three island men were among the crew of the Canadian bomber squadrons participating Thursday night in the raid on Berlin. In the Forenoon of Victoria, Flt. Sgt. G. F. Fielding of Nanaimo, and in the Iroquois group, Flt. Lt. F. E. Carter of Courtenay.

London AA's Busy

LONDON (CP)—The heaviest barrage from London's anti-aircraft guns in months sounded to night in the capital's first air raid since Jan. 15.

Flood Threat

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. (CP)—Two weeks of incessant rain have swollen Campbell River, threatening the settlement of Campbellton with isolation, it was reported today. High water has forced closure of the sawmill there.

Russians Take Mga

LONDON (CP)—The Red Army captured Mga, 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, an order of the day said tonight. The triumphant Russians thus moved a step nearer to freeing completely the great Leningrad-Moscow trunk line, which lies 15 miles to the west of MGA.

Hit Nazi Destroyers

LONDON (CP)—Canadian Albacore planes of the coastal command Thursday night attacked two German destroyers in the English Channel, the air ministry reported today. One destroyer was hit and left burning. One plane was lost.

10 Frenchmen Slain

BARCELONA (AP)—The French press announced today that 10 persons, which it described as "Communists," had been guillotined at Angoulême Jan. 17 in reprisal for the killing of a Vichy policeman.

Bag 2 F-W190's

LONDON (CP)—R.C.A.F. pilots, escorting U.S. heavy bombers today in a raid on northern France, shot down two German Focke-Wulf 109s, it was disclosed tonight. PO. Claude Weaver of Oklahoma City, Okla., and PO. Hart Finley of Westmount, Que., were the successful pilots. Weaver raised his personal score to 15 destroyed enemy aircraft.

Japan to Quit?

MONTREAL (CP)—Sir Frederic Whyte, British author and Far East expert, told reporters here today that "Japan will fold up within 12 to 18 months after the defeat of Germany and, before that will try to wriggle out and escape the full might of the combined United Nations' resources."

Would Invite War Refugees

CALGARY (CP)—Offer by the federal government of Canada as a haven for war refugees stranded in Portugal and other countries is urged in a resolution passed at the convention of the United Farms of Alberta today.

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800-Plane Fleet Hits Berlin

French Threatening To Outflank Nazis' Gustav Line In Italy

By WES GALLAGHER

ALGIERS (AP)—French troops, crossing the Rapido River in difficult mountain fighting, have captured the foot of Mount Il Lago, north of Cassino, and are threatening to outflank the Germans' "Gustav Line" of defence in Italy. Allied headquarters announced today.

British forces of the 5th Army supported by fire of cruisers and destroyers, smashed forward along the Apennine Way, capturing Minturno, 76 miles from Rome, and taking 300 prisoners. They are assaulting the twin Nazi defensive villages of Castellote and Ventosa on the slopes of 1,000-foot Mount Santi Cosma e Damiano, six miles inland from the Tyrrhenian.

In weather which German prisoners described as "worse than Leningrad," U.S. patrols of the 5th Army slashed across the river south of Cassino in probing expeditions, and retired.

Although the French push from captured Sant' Elia, northeast of Cassino, if continued, would allow them to attack Cassino from the rear, German prisoners said there was another German line of fortifications called the "Adolf Hitler Line," six miles behind the Gustav belt which the Allies now are attacking.

CRUISERS ATTACK

For the first time in many weeks cruisers and destroyers of the British navy engaged in heavy action against Nazi shore defence along the western end of the line, throwing several hundred rounds of shells ahead of

the 5th Army attack last Tuesday and Wednesday. The heaviest shelling was concentrated on the Apennine Way where the road runs close to the sea near the village of Terracina.

Minturno was taken by British troops after "hard fighting," the communiqué said. The Germans already had announced evacuation of the town.

The British attack on Castellote and Ventosa was in a sector approximately two miles beyond the Garigliano and about six miles inland. It was around Castellote the Germans apparently had built their most formidable defences in the coastal sector. They launched several strong counterattacks in this sector, but all were repulsed.

The German communiqué said German positions were breached southwest of Castellote.

100 a Day Coming In

With Navy League officials busy on collections of membership booklets in the drive for 40,000 new Victoria members, women's organizations are continuing sale of memberships at booths in Spencer's and Hudson's Bay Co. stores.

Although official closing of the campaign was set last week-end, they continue to dispose of memberships at the rate of more than 100 each day at the booths. So great has been their success, Mrs. L. A. Genge, of the Navy League of Canada under whom Victoria women are working, announces opening of another booth in the Metropolitan store to continue women's part in the drive.

Southward Surge Of Soviets Frees Baltic Fleet

MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army's great surge to the south from Leningrad has practically freed Russia's Baltic fleet.

Locked in port for two years or more, the Baltic fleet now is free to operate in the Bay of Kronstadt and possibly beyond. The same drive sealed off for annihilation an undetermined number of German troops in the Strelina corridor southwest of Leningrad after other Red Army forces in the northern drive had captured the ancient trading centre of Novgorod on the sixth day of the drive.

While Gen. K. A. Meretskov's armies on the Volkhov front took Novgorod, 100 miles southeast of Leningrad, on the road to southern Estonia, other armies under Gen. Leonid A. Govorov, attacking southwest of Leningrad and southeast of Oranienbaum on the Gulf of Finland, were said to have joined forces, 20 miles southwest of Leningrad to trap the Germans.

The Nazis were caught in the 50-square-mile Strelina corridor, running north from the Krasnoye Selo sector of the Gulf of Finland.

The two Red Armies also were shaping a trap for 250,000 other German troops in a salient southeast of Leningrad.

Gorov's forces were only nine miles from Karsnogradsk, a rail junction through which most of the threatened enemy troops must withdraw toward Estonia.

Dispatches indicated the Germans remaining in the Leningrad sector were facing one of the worst Nazi disasters since Stalingrad. Gen. Meretskov's troops were pushing westward from Novgorod in pursuit of the fleeing garrison and latest reports placed them more than 10 miles along the roads to Estonia.

THE 'BENDS' SEEM FATAL FOR GERMAN ARMIES



By this time the German High Command ought to fear "the bends" as much as do deep-sea divers. The big bends Russian rivers make as they twist toward the Black Sea seem to have a fatal fascination for German generals, who rush their armies into these treacherous pockets and, when threatened on three sides by the Red Armies, fail to withdraw before disaster traps them. Map above shows "bend" defeats Wehrmacht has suffered in Russia.

Gets 6 Mallards With Only 1 Shot

Six ducks with one shot!

That is what SM. A. J. Dugan brought down at Metehosin. The sergeant-major is too modest, so his wife tells how it happened, setting something of a timely record in ammunition conservation.

"My husband had the most wonderful luck when he went out to look for ducks at the far end of our own farm here at Metehosin," she writes. "He had only been out about half an hour when he saw several ducks on a small pond. He fired at one. Going to investigate he discovered he had killed no less than six mallards with the one shot. He used a .410 shotgun."

Trans-Canada Drive For 38 Cents Planned

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Vancouver inventor who refused to give his name said today he planned to drive across Canada during the coming summer at an operating cost of 38 cents in a motor vehicle powered by electricity drawn from the air.

The 38 cents, he said, would be expended for lubricating oil. Otherwise there would be no cost in operating the 60-horsepower motor which would drive the machine.

Search Continues For Plane, 4 Fliers

Search continued today for the R.C.A.F. aircraft with four men aboard which has been missing since last Sunday evening, supposedly in the mountains just east of Vancouver. Western Air Command said the plane carried emergency rations sufficient to feed each of the men for a month.

Washed Overboard, Victorian Missing

OTTAWA (CP)—Three naval ratings, washed overboard from a Canadian ship, are officially reported missing, it was announced by naval headquarters today.

Missing: PO. Frank W. Lawrence, 23; Victoria, B.C., native of Toronto; AB. W. R. Mennell, 20; Winnipeg; OS. Robert P. Phillips, 20, of Calgary. No details were given.

Vancouver Alarmed As Fog Comes Back

VANCOUVER (CP)—Recalling 17 fog-bound days in December, Vancouver citizens took a slightly nervous view today of January's second foggy day. Fog drifted into the city for a few hours early this morning, covering the harbor and delaying traffic slightly. Outlying districts were clear.

From Cigarettes, Cocktails They Plan to Save Our Girls

Canada is to be invaded this spring by the Global Thinkers Incorporated, sponsored by a group of wealthy mothers who are setting out to declare war on smoking and cocktail-drinking girls all over this sad world.

"We don't care what the men do, that is their own business," said Mrs. Myrtle Bannister, organizer, when queried today over the wires as to her views on mere males smoking and drinking. She is in Birmingham, Alabama, on her way north, from Florida.

"We shall come across the Canadian border in the near future to set up branch organizations of the Globalites in Canada," she said. "We plan to make a very big movement for women in all countries who are interested in

the health of the girl, because the girl of today is the mother of tomorrow. Our group is allowing itself five years to attain its objective. We are to have an all North America council in June at Nashville.

"Our plan is to get 1,000 women in each state of the Union, or each province of Canada, who definitely abstain from alcohol and nicotine, and with this membership do two things. First, each charter member annually sponsors one junior high school girl for the junior department on the merit plan. Next, high-type publications will be put in these junior age girls' homes for thought-provoking material on the effects of alcohol and nicotine on the mind and body of the young human female."

Bombs Shower Faster Than Ton a Second

(See story "Reconnaissance Map Shows," Page 2.)

By GLADWIN HILL
LONDON (AP)—The massed weight of probably 800 R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. bombers smashed down on Berlin with about 2,000 tons of bombs at dusk Thursday night in a 20-minute rending of the Reich capital which set a new record for concentration.

Explosives tumbled from the big, black-winged bombers at the rate of 100 tons a minute.

The massive 11th blow in the two-month battle of Berlin was struck by a procession of four-engined bombers which began their thunderous hammering at their target at 7 p.m. They returned before midnight with 35 bombers missing from this and other operations.

Nine Canadian bombers did not return. The R.C.A.F. bomber group sent out nine squadrons with the heaviest bomb load it has ever dispatched against the enemy.

Then with daylight, Allied air forces continued the parade of destruction as a big fleet of four-engined bombers, presumably of the U.S. air force, droned across the Channel in the first heavy attack on France since the big American raid on the Pas de Calais area Jan. 14.

Important Facilities Believed Destroyed

The great Berlin raid, the first since the night of Jan. 2 and the 105th of the war on that objective, sent huge fires raging through the capital where three-fourths of the important facilities are believed to have been destroyed in the raid series.

Swedish reports said reinforced German anti-aircraft batteries put up an unprecedented barrage and the R.A.F. suffered the second highest loss of the Berlin campaign.

The Press Association said it was understood the raiding force was the biggest yet sent against the German capital, although the bomb tonnage was not so great as the 2,300 tons which were dropped Nov. 22.

On this basis about 800 bombers were employed.

1,000 B.C. Divorces, Marriages Decrease

In B.C. last year there were more than 1,000 divorces, the highest on record and one of the highest in Canada.

Last year, to Nov. 30, there were 986 divorces in this province, compared with 845 for all of 1942. With December counted the number will go over the 1,000 mark.

Marriages fell off considerably last year, there being 3,476, compared with 10,826 the year before, the rate falling from 13.1 per thousand to 11.



TWO OLD FRIENDS CELEBRATE SIR WILLIAM'S 100TH BIRTHDAY—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who went from Ottawa to spend the day with Sir William Mulock on his 100th birthday anniversary in Toronto, is pictured here with his host enjoying breakfast.

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Citations Name Canadian Heroes

OTTAWA (CP)—Stories of
heroism on the battlefields of
Italy were disclosed today with
the release of citations covering
33 awards to men of the Canadian
army. The awards were announced
in December.

Eleven officers won three mem-
berships in the Distinguished Ser-
vice Order and eight Military
Crosses. Twenty-two other ranks
were awarded four Distinguished
Conduct Medals and 18 Military
Medals.

Here is a brief glance at some
of the citations:

Capt. J. L. Wilhelm, 34, Wal-
kerton, Ont., padre of the Three
Rivers Tank Regiment, won the
Military Cross. Two vehicles
went to the aid of the crews
under constant fire and returned
twice to assist the wounded to
safety.

Capt. R. O. Wilkes, 38, Rainy
River, Ont., padre of the Royal
Canadian Regiment, also won the
Military Cross in the battle north
of Regalito. Wounded in both
arms and both hands, he held
his revolver with both hands and
despite intense pain led his
platoon across open ground under
continuous fire. The citation
adds that only after his platoon's
objective had been consolidated
did Lieut. Dougan allow himself
to be carried out of action.

Cpl. Allen G. Cheshire, 29, of
Ashmont, Alta., also a member
of the Royal Canadian Regiment,
scaled an almost vertical
cliff 50 feet in height, stalked
the enemy and with grenades,
rifle and bayonet killed six Ger-
mans and captured six other
prisoners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A rummage and white elephant
sale, Sat. Feb. 5. Please bring in
saleable articles. Tickets on af-
ghan-quilt tombola, 10c; 3 for 25c.
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China, 737 Pandora.

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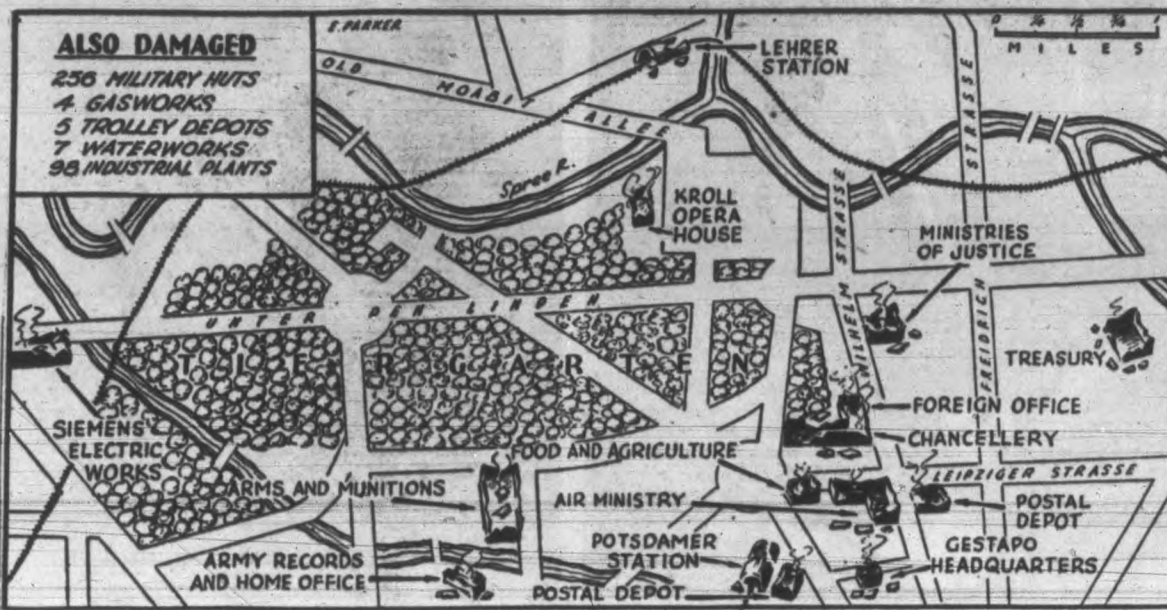
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Reconnaissance Map Shows Berlin Shattered By Bombs



Destruction of Nazi government offices in Berlin indicated above which was inflicted by R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. raids during the last few weeks was added to Thursday night. Reconnaissance photographs show so much damage it is doubtful if war offices have existed for over a month. Not shown on map above, the Friedrichstrasse railway station district and factory areas on the outskirts of Berlin were heaviest sufferers Thursday night.

NEWEST SHELTERS ROCKED

LONDON (AP)—The night at-
tack on Berlin Thursday, which
broke a 10-night lull in the assault
on Europe, also was the signal
for an end to the five-day day-
light respite, and R.A.F. fighter-
bombers swept out across the
Channel toward northern France
at dawn today, followed by Spit-
fire formations.

Taking off almost before dark,
the R.A.F. fighters first hit Ber-
lin about 7 o'clock Thursday night
after plowing through one of
the heaviest anti-aircraft bat-
teries ever thrown up over the
city.

Swedish reports said there was
a good cloud cover over the
capital itself, and the formations
were able to come in low for the
attack. There was no reference
to fighter opposition, indicating
the cloud formation forced the
Nazis to fall back on anti-aircraft
defence entirely. However, a
number of Canadian crewmen re-
ported after their return they
had encountered night fighters.

The Berlin correspondent of
the Swedish newspaper Afton-
bladet said Berliners are gradu-
ally learning when to expect the
raids—which have come on an
average of one night out of every
six since the all-out smash
started Nov. 18—by various signs
such as the weather. Thursday

NEAREST SHELTERS ROCKED

Berlin's newest bomb shelters
were rocked by the force of the
larger explosives, eyewitness re-
lated.

One such reinforced concrete
structure, on the Koethenstrasse,
between the Anhalter and the
Potsdamer railway sta-
tions, extends three stories under-
ground and two stories above. It
has room for 5,000 persons.

Reports to Stockholm said the
Nazis were hastening their pre-
parations for a possible German
counter-offensive, and the raid
deeper in the German-controlled
areas, tightening blackout re-
strictions in parts of conquered
Poland thus far untouched by the
raiding planes.

The raid came at the end of a
day which the Axis said also saw
the bombing of Rome for the se-
cond time in two days. The Rome
radio announced outskirts of the
city were hit by "Anglo-American
squadrons coming from the north,"
but offered no explanation
for this statement. The
Rome radio said there were many
dead and wounded and that heavy
damage was caused.

The Rome report declared
waves of the Allied planes blasted
the Prenestina, Porta and Ma-
giore quarters of Rome in an at-

NEAREST SHELTERS ROCKED

tack directed against the impor-
tant Termini railroad yards.
These yards were declared
knocked out in the first Amer-
ican Rome raids, but may since
have been put back into opera-
tion.

The raid on Berlin was the 11th
since the extermination cam-
paign was launched Nov. 18, and
the 105th since the start of the
war.

(Returned R.C.A.F. men said
the ground defences were gener-
ally weak, although there were
plenty of fighters and flares.

CANADIANS TALK
The Canadian Toronto Star re-
ported that the Lancaster and Halifax four-
engine bombers, and the raid
served as the operational debut
for the group's newest squadron
—the Porcupine—which has been
adopted by the township of Ti-
dale and Timmins, Ont. It was
led by an English wing com-
mander, C. B. Sifton, D.F.C., who
enlisted in the R.C.A.F. at Vancou-
ver.

Other squadrons in the raid in-
cluded the Thunderbird, Leaside,
Iroquois, Bluenose, Lion, Goose,
Bison and Ghost.

A Halifax of the Iroquois squad-
ron, piloted by Flt. Sgt. H. Kientz
of Winnipeg, came back with at
least 12 holes in its port wing
after an encounter with a flak
ship off the coast of Denmark.

NEAREST SHELTERS ROCKED

"We were just stooging along
when suddenly flak came up and
shook the daylight out of us,"
Kientz said. "Other crew mem-
bers included P.O. J. A. Linde
of Vancouver."

NEAREST SHELTERS ROCKED

(Stockholm heard of the Berlin
raid from the Berlin correspond-
ent of the Stockholm Aftonbladet.
The Germans, apparently,
have been increasing their anti-
aircraft batteries steadily around
the city in an effort to protect it
from total destruction, the cor-
respondent wrote, and he described
the raid as "startling."

The air raid sirens sounded
their warning at 7 p.m., he said,
and within a few minutes the
"whole show was in full swing."
When he emerged from a shelter,
the correspondent declared,
many fires were visible—espe-
cially on the outskirts of Berlin,
where war industries are con-
centrated.

Responsible quarters in Berlin
characterized the raid as a "terror
attack," the Aftonbladet said,
and added that it could therefore
be assumed that damage and
casualties were "quite large."

(One report reaching Malmö
said the area in the neighborhood
of the Friedrichstrasse railway
station in the heart of Berlin was
heavily bombed.)

NEAREST SHELTERS ROCKED

or not the need was urgent, he
said.
Mr. Isley said the Canadian
price control program had been
successful in general, although a
continued fight against inflation
was essential. He said that in
some countries the cost of living
had risen as much as 300 per cent
since the war started.

The Finance Minister said the
price control policy instituted in
December, 1941, would have
broken down without the support
of Canadian women in watching
prices and avoiding hoarding.

NEAREST SHELTERS ROCKED

8 Oranges, Lemon
Ripen at Duncan

DUNCAN—Eight oranges and
a lemon big as a grapefruit are
waiting to be picked from trees
at the home of Mrs. C. G. Powell,
Gibbins Road.

It is the year's second crop for
both trees, Mrs. Powell says, the
orange tree already having borne
six fruit. A lemon, plucked
earlier, yielded five glasses of
strong lemonade.

Maple trees on the Powell prop-
erty have yielded five gallons of
fine quality syrup.

Canada's Honor Roll

KILLED

Marlin, Louis Grover, Sgt., Big River,
Sask.

MISSING

Finlayson, George, P.O., Regina, Sask.

Grain, Robert Hunter McDonald, Sgt.,
Cape Breton, N.S.

Marlin, Peter James, P.O., Toronto, Ont.

Turner, Earl Nelson, P.O., Magrath, Alta.

PRISONER OF WAR, GERMAN

Walter Joseph, W.O., Corbin, N.Y.

Clark, Donald Albert, P.O., Windsor, Ont.

Cooper, David Thomas, P.O., Cardston, Alta.

Edwards, Harry, P.O., Port William, Ontario.

Jeffries, William Edward, P.O., Toronto

PREVIOUSLY DEAD

Atch, George Nelson, P.O., Dorchester, Sask.

Sambridge, James Henry, P.O., Ottawa

Bessie, Bertie Joseph August, Sgt., Wa-
neta, Sask.

Cumbers, Maurice Emile, P.O., Richard-
son, Sask.

CANADA

Edwards, John, LAC, Southport, Lan-
cashire, England.

Rosewell, Kenneth Henry, Sgt., Devon-
shire, England.

Taylor, William Monop, LAC, Ottawa.

Vancouver, B. C. LAC, Vepery, Madras
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Glendinning, Bert, Pte., Hartland, N.B.

Kelly, Douglas Ernest, Cpl., Arcoot, N.B.

Lablan, Pte., Upper Charles, N.B.

MacFarlane, Robert Jerome, Pte., St.
Andrew, N.B.

McGowan, William G., Cpl., Nash-
uaque Bridge, N.B.

Martin, Clifford, Cpl., Woodmansterne,
Surrey, England.

Meehan, Frank Michael, Pte., Bath, N.S.

Moloney, Herman Daniel, Pte., Dou-
cetville, N.B.

Murphy, Clarence Joseph, A-L Cpl.,
Conway, N.B.

Parke, William Ward, Pte., Burris Cor-
ner, N.B.

Robbins, Samuel Andrew, Pte., Dart-
mouth, N.B.

Sawyer, Leonard, A-L Cpl., Repton, N.B.

Shannon, John Hudson, Pte., Bath, N.S.

White, John Robert Henry, A-Cpl., Fred-
erickton, N.B.

Wylie, John William, Pte., Moncton, N.B.

Manitoba Regiment

Byrnie, Mike, Pte., Eshelbert, Man.

British Columbia Regiment

Brown, Walter Douglas, Pte., Bonning-
ton, P.E.I.

Henderson, William, Pte., Kellogg, Sask.

Langhorn, Alfred Harold, Pte., Vancou-
ver, B.C.

Marland, Frederick, Cpl., Vancouver.

Robinson, H. Barton, Cpl., Murrayville, B.C.

Saskatchewan Regiment

Buchanan, Leonard Earl, A-Cpl., Univ.
Sask.

Isabier, Raymond, A-Cpl., Shell Lake,
Sask.

Julinski, Edmund August, Pte., Regina,
Sask.

Major, Robert Arnold, A-Cpl., Lipton,
Surrey, England.

Parker, Gordon Cuencaide, Cpl., Sutton,
Surrey, England.

Alberta Regiment

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De Marigny Washtub Brings Big Price

NASSAU, Bahamas (CP)—Fantastic prices have been paid at an auction of household articles and objects of art from the home of Alfred and Nancy Oakes de Marigny.

A five-shilling washtub brought 50 shillings (about \$11) and a second-hand bicycle went for \$25 (about \$112) in spirited bidding. Nancy, daughter of the slain Sir Harry Oakes, was left between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in his will, but funds are tied up by exchange controls and she arranged to close her Nassau home and sell more than 400 articles to the highest bidder to raise needed cash.

She announced she would remain here until Monday to continue negotiations to obtain the release of money which she said she requires for living expenses and an operation for an ailing jaw.

Lady Oakes, Nancy's mother, has arrived by air on her first visit to Nassau since she testified at the trial of her son-in-law, Alfred de Marigny, who was acquitted of a charge of slaying the Canadian gold mining millionaire.

Protest Pacifists Taking Up Land

CALGARY (CP)—Pacifists and enemy aliens are gobbling up Canadian farm lands while the sons of loyal citizens are fighting overseas, declared J. K. Sutherland, vice-president of United Farmers of Alberta, introducing a series of resolutions at the annual convention here.

Many sections of Alberta, said Mr. Sutherland. The manpower of pacifist groups such as the Hutterites is entirely at home and they are taking advantage of this to acquire land in areas where other farmers here had difficulty keeping their own farms because their sons and daughters are in the armed services.

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DE WITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

It's indeed a long stretch of Italy's ancient Appian Way that has no turning, and the muddled 5th Army may have found the twist which, so to speak, will bring it within sight of the objective of months of battling both the Germans and weather—the Eternal City, Rome.

This encouraging vantage point has been reached by the breaching of the Hitlerite line north of the Garigliano River—a difficult and dangerous operation which forced the enemy to abandon the town of Minturno, strategic communications centre and stronghold on the Appian Way. British troops of the 5th Army achieved this by driving spearheads across the neutral water barrier, on both sides of Minturno, in the face of fierce German counterattacks.

76 LONG MILES

Minturno is some 76 miles from Rome, as the bee would measure the course. That's about a 20-minute flight for a passenger plane, but it can be a mighty long distance for an army to fight its way—and likely will be. However, one of the toughest obstacles—the winter weather—would seem to be weakening. The experts say the worst of it probably is past, which gives promise that Allied progress will be eased.

When Prime Minister Churchill returned to the issue of Commons this week—at his jovial best after his tilt with pneumonia

in the Middle East—Sir Herbert William asked if the Prime Minister was aware of any "false optimism" voiced in a recent speech in which Gen. Montgomery indicated the probable early capture of Rome (your columnist hadn't placed such interpretation on Montgomery's remarks). "I don't know about false optimism," Mr. Churchill replied. "There has been a lot of bad weather."

TOUGH OBSTACLES

Some observers like to think Rome will be in Allied hands by spring, but caution reminds us there are some tough obstacles to be surmounted before we reach that happy goal with land troops, though bombers are finding the going easy enough, as witness the assaults on the city Thursday and the day before. We shall be unexpectedly lucky if we are able to do much free-wheeling along the Appian Way towards the capital until the long Allied line has advanced another 50 miles or so northward.

The 5th Army must occupy the high ground beyond Frosinone in order to get set for the final dash to Rome. At the same time, the British-Canadian 8th Army on the right flank will have to capture the heights north of Pescara on the Adriatic. We must expect this to entail much hard fighting, for the Germans have the advantage of the strong mountain positions in the centre of the Italian peninsula. The further offensive may be speeded by amphibious operations along the coasts.

United Church of Canada Compiles First Catechism for Children

TORONTO (Special)—For the first time since church union the United Church of Canada, through its Board of Evangelism and Social Service, has prepared a "catechism" for use among its young people. 12 to 15 years. Copies of the catechism, prepared by a commission of the church under Rev. Richard Davidson, D.D., will go out to United Church ministers this week. The catechism consists of 84 questions and answers, the first 46 on doctrine or faith, and the balance on practical religion.

To the question "What is it that gives meaning to our life?" the answer in the catechism is: "It is God's high purpose that gives meaning to our life." Answering the question: "What things ought we to know if God is to accomplish His high purpose with us?" is "We ought to know four things: Who is God; what we are; what God has done for us, and how we ought to love and serve Him." Questions and answers on God, Man, Sin and Salvation, constitute the first third of the catechism.

CHURCH'S TASK

Answer to the question: "What is the task of the Church?" is: "The Church is called to worship God, to watch over and care for all within her fellowship, to preach the Gospel to all mankind, to minister to the needy, to wage war on evil, and to strive for right relations with men."

On the question of observing the Lord's Day, the catechism says: "We should observe the Lord's Day because the Lord blessed and hallowed one day in seven, and the first day of the week commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the gift of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost."

Other subjects dealt with in the catechism include: What is a Christian home? What duty do husband and wife owe to one another? What duty do children owe to their parents? Has every man a duty to work? What duty do we owe to the state? What is the will of God for men and society?

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There are still 115 steel escort vessels, 60 wooden combat vessels and 142 cargo ships on order," the department's statement said. "These involve an expenditure of several hundred million dollars. In addition several more utility ships will be built, including six 3,600-ton tankers and more than 2,500 small craft."

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Under the previous split control all vessels in Canada, exclusive of cargo ships, were constructed under the administration of the naval shipbuilding branch, while the freighter program was managed by Wartime Merchant Shipping Ltd., a commercial government company.

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Active management of the yard will remain with the shipbuilding division of the Redfern Construction Co., under the direction of Wartime Shipbuilding Ltd., the statement said. The yard is engaged in the large scale construction of Algerine minesweepers.

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Famine Relief

LONDON (CP)—L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, today told the Commons of relief measures in regard to food distribution in India now have achieved their purpose and medical relief and free distribution of clothing and blankets to destitute persons are being vigorously carried out.

Long-range rehabilitation measures are under consideration by the Government of Bengal, where cholera and malaria are decreasing, he said.

Col. Amery said that on the basis of present information it is considered that the total abnormal mortality due to famine and disease in the last three months of 1943 did not exceed 1,000,000.

Jobless Insurance Claims Increased During November

OTTAWA (CP)—Sharp increase in claims for unemployment insurance during Nov. is reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, with the total at 2,896, almost double the Oct. figure of 1,475, and a considerable increase over the 1,748 claims registered in Nov., 1942.

Some of the increase from Oct. to Nov. may be attributed to normal seasonal tendencies, but some is due, no doubt, to changes in emphasis on the production of war needs resulting in layoffs of workers who cannot immediately be reabsorbed," the report says.

Increase was also reported in applications for employment by insured persons, which numbered 194,431 in the four weeks ended Dec. 2, with 48,171 unplaced at that date. This compared with 146,003 applications in the four weeks ended Oct. 28 with 45,551 unplaced. It is estimated 2,680,300 persons are holding unemployment insurance books.

In Nov., 1,610 claimants were considered entitled to benefit, and 460 were refused. Of those refused, 262 were disqualified because they had voluntarily left their employment without just cause, and 124 were found to have made insufficient contributions.

Doenitz Admits Allies 'Better'

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Admiral Karl Doenitz, supreme commander of the German navy, recently told a meeting of navy and merchant marine representatives at Stettin that "for the moment" Allied submarines and submarine weapons "are better than ours," the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau said today.

"But our enemies soon will find out that ours are going to be better than theirs," Doenitz said. He asserted the German U-boat power "hasn't been broken in 1943. It's stronger than ever." The Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau, which reported Doenitz's speech, is German controlled.

India Women Work In Coal Mines

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—Women again are working in coal mines in the three provinces of Bengal, Bihar and the Central Provinces of India, according to a statement by L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, in reply to a question in the House of Commons.

He said the government of India had reluctantly suspended the prohibition, which had been in force since 1937, because of the war effort. It was purely a temporary measure and would be reviewed in six months. Wage rates were the same as those for men on similar work.

Mr. Amery said it was because wives had not been allowed to work in the mines that the miners themselves had drifted away. Welfare measure would be provided.

Several labor members were critical of the new measure.

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Vision Of Private Enterprise

EVIDENTLY THE POWELL RIVER Paper Co., Ltd., has prepared an expansion program with two specific objectives in view: 1. To provide jobs for hundreds of its employees who are now in the armed forces. 2. To develop new Canadian products for the home and world markets in the post-war years. Thirteen million dollars is the sum earmarked for the project, to be commenced as soon after the war as materials are available, and to extend over four or five years. Anticipatory of the needs of what officials of the company quite properly describe as "an advancing industry of particular value to British Columbia," the undertaking now visualized in detail actually began as far back as 1940, when a research laboratory at Powell River took shape.

At present the company produces at its modern plant, newspaper, pulp, pulp boards and laminated paper products. Extensions of the output to conform to its ambitious postwar plans, however, include: 1. Increasing by 20 per cent effective utilization of logs by installation of wood-preparing equipment, including a new hydraulic barkers; 2. Utilization of timber at present not used at Powell River, by construction of a board plant and shingle mill; 3. Construction of a kraft mill to utilize waste from fir and cedar and other by-products; 4. Increasing production of high-grade sulphite; 5. Completion of its bleached paper plant, already partially constructed, for production of high-grade sulphite; 6. Development of many new lines of wood by-products, including plastics, plywood, yeast and tannin.

Not only is the Powell River Paper Company's forward-looking development program good business for the concern itself, since it envisages trade expansion when the world again embarks upon the pursuits of peace—it also constitutes an earnest of the intention of one of the largest of the province's private enterprises to accept its rightful progressive role in the postwar economy. This is as it should be. It is what the public expects and desires. The example thus set, moreover, should be emulated by business generally, whether big or small. This type of initiative furnishes the answer to fantastic assertions that the regimented state is the panacea for all the social and economic ills of our time. The would-be super-controllers, of course, are scarcely likely to join us in our congratulations to the Powell River Company.

Prophetic Utterances

IF MR. CHURCHILL EVER HAS THE time or the inclination to refer to the speeches he delivered in the House of Commons in the early days of his Premiership, a sentence he included in a statement he made on Aug. 20, 1940, must give him more than a little satisfaction as he contemplates the havoc which the R.A.F. and the R.C.A.F. have wrought in western and central Germany in the last year and a half. On that summer day at the height of the Battle of Britain he spoke as follows:

"Even if the Nazi legions stood triumphant on the Black Sea, or indeed upon the Caspian, even if Hitler was at the gates of India, it would profit him nothing if at the same time the entire economic and scientific apparatus of German war power lay shattered and pulverized as here."

Many moons have waxed and waned since the British and Canadian bombing planes began to rain their huge missiles on targets in the Reich as far east as Berlin and Stettin, as far north as Rostock, as far southeast as Munich, while numerous important industrial communities in central and western Germany have been "pulverized." Hitler's legions, however, are at the Black Sea; but far from triumphant. And they are a long way from the "gates of India." That speech of Aug. 20, 1940, may have caused the men of Berlin to smile—41 months ago, Mr. Churchill smiles today as he notes the effect of the 105th aerial visit to the Reich's centre.

Fear And Bombast

SANDWICHED BETWEEN TYPICAL Nipponese bombast, which defeats itself, Premier Hideki Tojo today listed some urgent matters demanding immediate attention to facilitate the effective prosecution of the war. He called specifically for an expansion of Japan's "national air service" to speed to the front "superior aircraft"—because air power "will decide the general trend in the war situation and determine its outcome." But the government leader's apprehension was reflected in his warning that delivery of these vital engines of war depended largely on the immediate increase in basic materials such as iron, light metals and coal, while he also demanded an improvement in land and sea transportation. His reference to the latter problem, incidentally, may have found an echo in the latest exploit of a British submarine in the narrow straits of Malacca.

Those who are familiar with Japanese industry and its potential are of the opinion that the war lords of Tokyo are beginning to experience important difficulties in any plan to improve materially on the present output of airplanes and ships. Such observations naturally have certain reservations; but they cite in support of their argument the heavy shipping losses the enemy already has suffered, and the apparent inferiority of Japanese aircraft in comparison with the machines of the Allies. Taken at their face value, of course, Tojo's demands on the Diet reveal little more than the commonsense concern of a nation and empire confronted with the prospect of eventual fulfillment of the Cairo dictum. And the measure of that concern, in the light of typical Japanese propaganda, can be taken from the Premier's bombast with which he interlarded his demands and veiled warnings.

Tojo informed the Diet, for instance, that "munitions production, upon which the United States greatly relies, already has reached its peak, and as problems of material and manpower arise, unrest increases in intensity." Crossing the Atlantic in search of more soothing balm, the Premier told his legislative rubber-stamps that "in Britain the national strength has declined and the degree of exhaustion is becoming greater and greater"—a condition about which he should compare notes with Adolf Hitler, especially this morning, after another devastating raid on the "pulverized" heart of the Reich. But the Premier reached the height of his spurious optimism when he fired the final blast to the effect that "the enemy is in a fit of impatience; when the enemy is in such a state, a golden opportunity not to be missed is offered to us to inflict upon them a crushing blow and drive them to total catastrophe."

What the United Nations fighting forces in the Pacific area would like better than anything else at this precise moment would be a Nipponese attempt to strike the "crushing blow" for which Tojo obviously is trying to stir up enthusiasm. If he is so sure such a "golden opportunity" is at hand, it rests with him to order his navy and air forces to seize it; on the other hand, if he does not make his move, he must not be surprised if his royal master and the Japanese people ask some pointed questions before he is much older.

Canada's War Loans
ACCORDING TO THE FINAL statement recently issued by Hon. J. L. Isley, Minister of Finance, Canadians, during the Fifth Victory Loan drive, subscribed \$1,383,000,000. During the seven war and victory loan campaigns, the Dominion government collected approximately \$6,225,000,000 in cash or in conversion subscriptions. Each new loan has yielded greater subscriptions than the preceding one. The total number of people who subscribed to the fifth issue was more than 3,000,000.

The cost of distributing government securities among ultimate investors has tended to decrease. Whereas, during the First Victory Loan, the cost of selling \$100 of government obligations was \$1.09, during the Fifth Victory Loan it amounted to only \$1.08. Most of the money subscribed to these loans came from individual subscriptions. Non-banking institutions also played a prominent role in the absorption of these government securities. But as is well known, the Dominion has made it a practice from the beginning not to sell large blocks of its obligations to the banks. This policy was adopted in order to prevent a sharp increase in the volume of deposits.

The five Victory Loans and the large amount subscribed by Canadian investors have clearly demonstrated the soundness of the Canadian method of financing the war. The success of these loans means, too, that Canadians have increased their savings to a substantial extent since the outbreak of hostilities.

Indirect Refutation?
MOSCOW'S "WAR AND THE WORKING CLASS" magazine has taken a fling at Pravda's publication of the hotly-refuted rumor about two British officials meeting Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to discuss the details of a separate peace between Great Britain and the Third Reich. The journal, in question does not specifically allude to the fantastic yarn, guided no doubt by the emphatic official pooh-poohing from London, but takes the positive line and flatly tells Hitler that his hopes of splitting the Allies were "buried forever" by the decisions of the Moscow and Tehran conferences. And for good measure "War and the Working Class" added that "the peoples of the countries allied with us and their responsible leaders must understand the efforts being made by Nazi elements."

At the same time, the magazine article is on sound ground in referring to the "underground activity of defeatists in the United States and Britain," and called for a cleansing of the "political atmosphere from poisonous gases" spread by the Nazis in an attempt to split the Allies.

So far the world has not been permitted to learn why Pravda gave such prominence to a rumor of obviously doubtful origin, with apparently no attempt whatsoever to find out if it had the least foundation in fact. It has met with much speculation from newspapers throughout the Allied world. Radio commentators, especially the dogmatists and the commercials, have let themselves go with the utmost of speculative abandon. Can it be that somebody blundered, that even the sacrosanct columns of a party organ were the victims of a "slipping-over-on" technique not unknown to the free and untrammelled press of the democracies? In the meantime, however, one is allowed to surmise that "War and the Working Class," a Russian journal of the masses, was authorized to refute the "separate peace" rumor by the indirect method—the plain implication that neither by this nor by any other trick need the Fuehrer expect to drive a wedge between the three men who signed the Tehran agreements in behalf of the Russian, British and American peoples. It could be just this.

Bruce Hutchison

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT—a gentleman so appealing in his speeches and personality that he has found his way into this column pretty frequently of late—has a growing mind. It has grown with amazing speed in the last few years. The material of growth, the power to absorb information and impressions, was always there, but in retrospect it is clear that the President's mind was inadequately equipped with factual information and with economic theory when he entered the White House.

This is clear now because the President obviously has had to change his mind completely on the general problems of the world. You can see this in his latest utterances, which are about as frank a recantation of his philosophy of 1933 as you can expect from any practicing politician.

LOOK BACK
LOOKING BACK at 1933, when he became President, you can hardly believe now that he could have felt as he did then. But, of course, he was in the hands of a group of New Deal enthusiasts, of crackpot economists who thought you could bring prosperity by tinkering with the price of gold, and of a crew of medicine men who were engaged in a national snake dance.

The President obviously didn't know much about economics, having been raised in an age where the economy of his country largely ran itself. So he took the advice of the whirling dervishes, he tinkered with gold prices, he tried the N.R.A. and sat down at his fireside to await prosperity.

This would not have concerned us much here, or the people of other countries if the President's program could have been confined to the United States. Unfortunately it involved us all. His program was based on the theory, in brief, that the United States—if it used enough of its own snake oil—could have prosperity whether the rest of the world prospered or not. The United States could insulate itself from the rest of the world.

INSULATION
THE PRESIDENT proceeded to insulate it. The World Economic Conference in London, which had been called to take down trade barriers, stabilize currencies and make the world trade together and live like neighbors. Well, the New Deal experiment didn't work. The brutal fact is that all the self-containment, all the pump-priming and all the snake oil did not make the United States prosperous. Unemployment continued high in the United States until the war boom began. As for the other nations unable to trade with America, refusing to trade among themselves, they slid down a slippery road into the Great Depression.

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WELL, THE President has seen the folly of those days and he is not going to return to them. He has had his fill of snake oil. If you will read carefully the text of his latest message to Congress you will see that he is demanding now an international world of commerce and freely-moving trade. He is asserting that the United States can only be prosperous if other nations are prosperous. He is denouncing those who say that if the United States lets other nations raise their living standards the living standard of the United States will decline. He is preaching, indeed, the basic theory of liberal economics, which began with the repeal of the Corn Laws and which is as good today as ever.

When the C.C.F. points to the New Deal as a model for Canada let it point to the existing New Deal, not the original snake-oil theory. The C.C.F. says, in brief, that Canada can prosper by better management of its internal economy. Its new book says very little else. Mr. Roosevelt says just the opposite. You can take your choice.

SLUM CLEARANCE WILL PAY
From B.C. Financial News
One of the projects of the postwar period to which some thought should certainly be given now in every city in Canada is slum clearance.

It is a rather grimly ironical prospect that, after the war, cities like London, Liverpool, Hamburg and Berlin may be rebuilt into more modern and generally better living places than most of our older and larger cities in North America.

Money spent in modernizing the crowded, disordered sections of a city provides an immediate and a delayed return. The immediate benefit, of course, is in the work it provides through all the labyrinths of the building industry and manufacture of building materials. The delayed return comes in reduced sickness, crime and social discontent.

Beyond those considerations, again, is the fact that slum clearance involves the building of low rent houses or apartment houses that are revenue-producing and thus represent a self-liquidating expenditure. Not all work-making projects have that virtue. Many create nothing but monumental projects that call for a deficit through maintenance ad infinitum.

The claim that clearance of a city's downtown and out districts has upon society as a post-war project is based upon very sound sociological and economic grounds.

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Those big boots the paratrooper wears are to keep his weight of equipment from driving him too deep in the ground.

Please Don't Laugh Everybody—This Thing Is Dangerous

Ottawa Journal Editorial, Republished in Victoria Daily Times by Courtesy P. D. Ross.

MR. COLDWELL, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, told an audience in Vancouver last week that with his party in power, Socialism will be instituted gradually, "but not too gradually."

The Socialism for which the C.C.F. stands has been outlined in many deliverances by its leaders, and is elaborated in a large booklet recently published entitled "Make This Your Canada," composed by Professor F. R. Scott and Mr. David Lewis, with an introduction by Mr. Coldwell, giving it his blessing. The Journal has already criticized one passage belittling the Canadian war effort, but much else in the booklet deserves notice.

The aim of the C.C.F. booklet is a whole is two-fold. First, to give the impression—the grossly false impression—that under the existing political structure of this country the Canadian people, prior to the war, were in a wretched condition. Secondly, that owing to government measures under the stress of war, Canada has achieved magical things, which proves, according to the C.C.F. booklet, that equally magical things can be done in peacetime by wise "planned economy" by government—namely, by a C.C.F. government.

TO ILLUSTRATE, let us quote from the booklet. To prove that Canada prior to this war was a mass of distress owing to the political set-up, the booklet goes back to the world period of depression following 1929, and portrays Canadian conditions "Factories and mines idle. Stocks of goods rotting in warehouses while masses of the people are in urgent need. Foods being destroyed while people go hungry. Everywhere hopelessness. A country without a purpose, tolerating injustice and suffering. A rich land in terrible poverty. An industrious and intelligent people going to waste in idleness and despair."

After such piffle, the booklet trumpets practically: Look at Canada now, prosperous and happy, business flourishing, everybody active, unemployment banished, the government expenditure giving vast stimulus to industry—and then the booklet goes on to exclaim triumphantly: "If we can do these things under the pressure of war, why can't we do them for the nobler purposes of peace? If we can find the resources and methods to produce tanks, bombs and bullets, why can't we find the resources and methods to build homes, schools and playgrounds?"

PLEASE don't laugh, everybody. The C.C.F. promise to supply you with a millennium on the same basis as that on which the present government is producing tanks, bombs and bullets. And what is that basis—superiorly ignored by the C.C.F. magazine? Does the C.C.F. imagine that the Canadian people do not know that the basis just now of industry is the expenditure of \$10,000,000,000 put up by the people so far for war purposes? Namely, \$5,000,000,000 in war loans, and \$5,000,000,000 more given in extra taxation?

WILL it be believed by anyone who has not seen this C.C.F. booklet purporting to show how the C.C.F. are going to boom things by "planned economy," the booklet has not a single word about war loans or about the effect of money spent from war taxation? But so it is. Not one word to suggest that \$10,000,000,000 of expenditure by government, given by the people in four years, has anything to do with present business activity.

THE FALSITY OF THE C.C.F. Booklet's picture of great evil economic and social condition among the Canadian people in prewar days is a rather vile thing. The truth is that Canada has been a vigorously prosperous country, despite brief phases of business depression of which every country has its turns. Apart from the fact that this Canadian people have been able to put up \$10,000,000,000 for war so far The Journal might say a great deal; but perhaps better than Journal say so, it is well to cite a few illustrative facts as furnished to The Journal by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in answer to specific questions—remembering that Canada has but a few over 2,000,000 families (C.C.F. booklet, page 96). Following are questions submitted to the Bureau, with its answers: Question—"How many homes are there in Canada?" (The C.C.F. booklet claims great numbers have been homeless, misrepresenting the present shortage of accommodation in the larger cities.) Answer by Bureau—"According to the census of 1941 the number of buildings in Canada, used for human habitation only, was 2,155,350. This figure is preliminary and is not inclusive of such habitations in Yukon and the Northwest Territories." (Please note that the foregoing illustrates that there are more habitations in Canada than families.)

Question—"How many life insurance policies are in force in Canada?" Answer by Bureau—"In 1940, 6,460,876." (Not bad for about 2,000,000 families.)

Question—"How many motor vehicles are registered in Canada?" Answer by Bureau—"In 1940, 1,500,829." (Not bad again for 2,000,000 families.)

Question—"How many radio sets are registered in Canada?" Answer by Bureau—"In 1940, 1,345,167." (Not bad again.)

Question—"How many individual subscribers were there to the first Victory Loan in Canada?" Answer by Bureau—"The number of individual subscribers to the first Victory Loan of June 15, 1941, was 948,001." (Not bad, was it, for a pauper people?)

Question—"How many shareholders are there in the banks of Canada?" Answer by Bureau—"In the 10 chartered banks of Canada there are 53,321 shareholders." (The C.C.F. leaders always declaim that the banks and other financial institutions represent a few big capitalists.)

Many other statistics might be cited to illustrate the prewar Canadian people, but the above will serve.

IN THE world depression following 1929 there was much distress in Canada, as in many other rich countries. Such distressing periods have occurred again and again in the history of nations, for which it is difficult to diagnose the reasons. The Journal has assuredly no wish to minimize the responsibility of all of us to aim to combat social distress by all vigorous and generous means in our power, whether national or individual, but the causes of periods of depression are rarely local, or even national, nor is there common sense in pointing to such periods as illustrative of normal national conditions. But even for unemployment, there are causes which are not local or national, and which deserve notice in any economic discussion purporting to be intelligent. Even in 1929, a peak year in business and industry, it is calculated that there were 100,000 unemployed in this country. This was not enough, yet this was less proportionately than in the United States, normally the most prosperous country in the world. So why pick on Canada?

GOOD GOVERNMENT can do a lot to check such evil, but sometimes new phases of society or of industrial development can have a puzzling effect. Such is the entry of women in recent times into what formerly were mostly men's work. Mr. Rex Eaton, associate director National Selective Service, told us last week that even prior to this war 600,000 women in Canada were engaged "in gainful occupations" (it is twice that now); and the last United States census listed nearly 6,000,000 women "engaged in gainful occupation outside the home." Something unparallelled a generation ago. Necessarily that new sort of thing has a lot to do with unemployment of men. No mention of such a cause of unemployment of men is made in the C.C.F. booklet, although it makes a loud outcry about the prevalence of unemployment "in a capitalist structure of society." Nor in proclaiming loudly how government action and expenditure since war began, and what the C.C.F. calls the present "planned economy" of industry has banished unemployment, does the booklet say one word about the fact that 725,000 men have gone into the "Canadian armed services, taken mostly out of the employment field."

Does that sort of economic discussion indicate wise thought in the C.C.F. leaders? Please don't laugh, everybody.

THE C.C.F. booklet rehearses and emphasizes the principles laid down by the Regina platform of the party, and of Mr. Coldwell and the C.C.F. booklet. These principles include government seizure and operation of the banks, of the trust companies, of the insurance companies, of the transportation companies, of the mines, all the large industrial companies; they include "a capital levy" (seizure of private surplus to a greater or less extent); they include increased inheritance taxes, increased income taxes of the well-to-do; reduction of interest on

Dominion bonds; limitation of profit on any private business allowed to operate. If any part of the people object, they will be dragged by force, as Mr. Winch, the British Columbia C.C.F. leader recently promised.

ONE CAN IMAGINE what a mess this C.C.F. program would make of the Canadian industrial and business structure; and yet the C.C.F. wise-acs talk glibly of the vast sums of money they would spend when they get into power. Where would they get the money after practically destroying business and private means? As a sample of their optimism the C.C.F. booklet promises that they would immediately appropriate \$1,000,000,000 a year for "social security" (booklet, page 177), also would immediately appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for new housing (booklet, page 72), also at once \$300,000,000 for "rural electrification" (booklet, page 174), also apparently a few hundred millions to improve education (booklet, page 175), also apparently \$100,000,000 or two to help the farmers (booklet, page 168). Wild Indians for money, these C.C.F. lads, aren't they? To get the money they propose to raise \$2,000,000,000 a year from taxes (booklet, page 182). The prewar taxes of Canada were about \$500,000,000 a year. Of course, if the C.C.F. government will evidently need a great deal more than \$2,000,000,000 from taxes, they will float loans each year for a couple of thousand million dollars more. This they expect to do after having seized all the big business of the country, restricted all the small business to small profit, made a capital levy and reduced, or abolished, the interest in Dominion bonds. Please don't laugh, everybody.

THE BASIC IDEA of Socialism is to seize all main activities of a civilized country and administer them by government-appointed men or boards ("administrative boards," says the C.C.F. booklet) with the idea of leveling society so that the intelligent, energetic and industrious people shall get less, and the lazy, the idle, the inefficient and the unintelligent shall get more.

The C.C.F. gospel is Socialism. With Mr. Coldwell, deep down, it is probably milk-and-water Socialism; and despite his present platform to catch votes he might not do extreme damage if he got into power. With Mr. Winch of British Columbia and his fellow extremists it is rank Communism. The two wings of the party would not long agree if the C.C.F. got into power. They would soon clash, and the whole party would collapse. But meanwhile they might spell tremendous injury to the welfare of this country. Is there really such danger? Please don't laugh, everybody, because there is danger. A lot of very decent people in this country are thinking of this C.C.F. party as merely something that will give them more than they have now without them having to do anything about it but just vote. No—don't laugh, anybody. The thing is serious.

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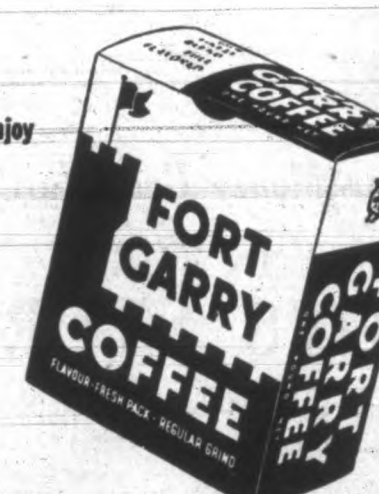
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A social evening attended by members of the Victoria Venture Club was held at the home of Miss Gertrude Dean, Burdick Avenue. Court whist was played, after which refreshments were served by the hostess. Next meeting will be held Feb. 2, in the Scollard Building.

Mrs. Russell Ker and Mrs. Robert L. Smyth, wife of the new U.S. consul were honored Thursday when Mrs. Roger Pratt Clark entertained at luncheon in the main dining-room of the Empress Hotel. Her guests included Princess Chikhmatoff, Mrs. Parmy Paret and Mrs. Thomas Knox.

Among guests making their headquarters at the Empress Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Nichols, Renton, Wash.; Lieut. Estell B. Seward, Suffolk, Virginia; Lieut. and Mrs. William K. Curry, Auburn; Miss J. P. Ramsay, Montreal; Mrs. R. F. Howell, Hamilton; Mrs. J. R. Parke, Saint Andrew; Fitt. Lt. and Mrs. D. W. Gill, Dauphin, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Henson of Whitehorse.

Misses Kay and Doreen Pitzer were joint hostesses at their home on Reynolds Road, Thursday evening at a kitchen shower to honor Miss Kay Burnett, whose marriage will take place next week. Their guests included Mesdames P. Leach, Stark, W. Monahan, W. R. Portingale, W. Langley, A. Gough, J. Stephenson, A. Mayo, L. C. Campbell, D. Taylor, A. Cookman, T. Bryant, S. Fiddlemeyer, J. R. Cleator, G. Shipley, C. Shipley, C. Macintosh, and Miss Doreen Cleator.

In honor of the 88th birthday of Mrs. Martha Garner, the Stadacona Park Group of First United Church entertained at tea at 287 McClure Street. Mrs. R. L. Cox presented the guest of honor with a floral token and a card signed by all the members. Mrs. J. B. Munro and Mrs. W. T. Straith assisted in serving, with Mrs. R. L. Cox and Mrs. H. A. McLeod presiding at the tea table. Others

Dr. W. Newton Speaks to Club On Miracle Drugs

"At present, the main supply of penicillin is needed for the armed forces, they require it in carloads," Dr. W. Newton, officer in charge of the Dominion Pathological Laboratory, at Saanichton, told a meeting of the University Women's Club Thursday evening. "Sulfa drugs can be maintained very cheaply, but penicillin will not displace sulfa drugs. If sulfa drugs fail, we will use penicillin." Despite critics, penicillin is destined to become one of the most important drugs, Dr. Newton said. He gave an outline of its discovery by Dr. Fleming of Oxford, and explained that penicillin is a non-toxic to human tissue and in this respect differs from sulfa drugs, some of which have harmful effects.

Dr. Newton told of another miracle-working drug, gramicidin, developed at the Rockefeller School at Princeton, and named after the scientist, Gram. It is interesting to note that the discovery was begun by a former student of Dr. Newton's, Dr. Lindsay Black, who realized the potentialities of soil organisms.

Asked by one of the members why penicillin is so expensive, Dr. Newton replied that it has to be segregated at such extremely low temperatures and the technique is very laborious.

Miss Ellen Hart, president of the club, presided.

Naval Officer Wed in England

Young Canadian naval officers form a guard of honor at the parish church at Cranleigh, Surrey, England, for Lt.-Cmdr. David Groos, R.C.N., of Victoria, and his bride, the former Bridget Berdoe-Wilkinson. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dermot Berdoe-Wilkinson, Knowle, Cranleigh, and the groom is the son of Mrs. M. Groos of Victoria and the late Mr. Everard Groos. Lt.-Cmdr. Groos is 25, and having been in command of H.M.C.S. Restigouche since April, is thought to be the youngest commanding officers in the Canadian navy.

Weddings

BELL-CHAPLIN
The Chapel of St. Andrew's Wesley Church, Vancouver, was the scene of the wedding Jan. 5, of Sgt. H. Marie Chaplin, C.W.A.C., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Chaplin, New Westminster, and S.Sgt. Gordon T. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell, 2887 Glenwood Avenue. The ceremony was performed by Col. G. Falls.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white brocade satin, styled with a sweetheart neckline and long sleeves. Her veil was floor length and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and white carnations. Miss Catherine Nelson, as bridesmaid, was dressed in pale blue georgette with a shoulder-length veil caught to a Juliet cap, and she carried a spray of pink carnations. Roy Bell acted as groomsmen, and the ushers were C.M.S. Morris Punt and S.Sgt. Jack Barton.

A reception was held in the Patricia room of the Hotel Georgia, where the couple were assisted in receiving by their parents. Capt. Whyte, R.C.A.P.C., proposed the toast to the bride. Assisting in serving were fellow members of the bride in the C.W.A.C.

For a honeymoon in Seattle and Victoria, the bride wore a three-piece rust ensemble with a fox-trimmed topcoat and moss-green accessories. S. Sgt. and Mrs. Bell will reside temporarily in Vancouver.

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Large in size, strong in color, moving in design, these pictures are representative of the best work of Canadian paintings and are eminently worthy of exhibition. Originally these reproductions were made for the messes and canteens of army, navy and air force, for which 400 copies of each were printed by a new silk-screen process, but 200 of them are being distributed to schools for educational purposes.

Purchase of the series for the Victoria High School is under consideration.

Personal Notes

Miss M. McEwen, Mrs. H. Weller, Sgt. and Mrs. M. R. Cosulich and Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosen.

Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. James Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson and Miss Ruby Blyth have returned to Victoria after attending the Ashcroft-Anderson wedding in Vancouver.

Guests of the Empress Hotel from Seattle include Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Elliott, Mrs. J. C. Siensens and Mrs. W. J. Siensens, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hever, Mrs. A. D. Schwarz, Mrs. Joseph L. Wright, and Lieut. and Mrs. C. Stoner.

Out-of-town guests at the Rotary Club luncheon Thursday were Robert Hall, Peter Peterson, Saskatoon; Robert Cheyne, Kelowna; Morrison McTavish, Tom McHattie, Vancouver; Louis T. Merwin, Portland; Joe Dougan, New Westminster.

P.T.A. News

Gordon Head—Four new members were enrolled at the last meeting, Mrs. R. D. Salmon presiding. A committee was appointed to investigate ways and means of raising money for the room accommodation. A grant was made for extra sports equipment. Mrs. Creed, war work convener, reported 34 sweaters and other hand-knit articles sent to Russian Relief. A committee was named to obtain the cost of a motion picture projector. A special meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. Farrow, Todd Road, Tuesday to receive the report of its committee and to inaugurate a series of "snowball" teas to raise money for patriotic purposes.

A.Y.P.A. News

Christ Church Cathedral—Rev. W. Askew opened the meeting with prayers, and Miss Irene Webb presided. Group 3 will meet at Miss Gerry Williamson's, 210 Belmont, on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

is played Friday from 8 to 10:30 in the hall. Members were reminded of the vestry meeting in the auditorium, Jan. 25. Following the meeting, members walked to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes' home where refreshments were enjoyed. Next meeting will be Jan. 26 at 8, with "Pow-Wow" under group 2, led by Miss Helen Greaves.

tional. Mrs. S. Keefe was presented with a life membership certificate by the auxiliary. New officers were installed by Rev. Wm. Allen. Delegates appointed to the Presbyterial were Mrs. Wm. Allen and Mrs. N. F. Cress.

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A recital by the Schubert Club in the Shrine Auditorium March 7, under the patronage of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. W. C. Woodward, will be sponsored by the W.A. to the Solarium, it was announced at a meeting held Thursday, Mrs. J. Bayliss presiding. Mrs. Bayliss will convene the affair, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Archer and Mrs. G. W. Massey.

Mrs. A. McAllister, sewing convener, reported 27 garments finished, and Mrs. G. Wise, knitting convener, handed in one pair of knitted overalls and an pair of socks.

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Miss Helen Gilliland presided at the last meeting of the Amica Group of the Metropolitan W.A. Next meeting will be Feb. 15 at the home of Mrs. D. Crompton, 2611 Roseberry Avenue.

present were Mesdames F. P. Jeanne, A. S. Huxtable, I. Hale, J. A. Heritage, J. C. Lowe, H. McDonald, B. Forbes, Norris, J. T. McDonald, C. French, M. G. McCarroll, J. D. Calvert and Miss T. Moore.

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Credit Union Has Successful Year

Balance sheet presented at the fourth annual meeting of Perpetual Help Credit Union showed gratifying results for shareholders and borrowers. Committee reports were given by C. J. Collins for credit, J. E. Kenny for supervisory, James Grant for education and Mrs. M. J. Haley for insurance.

Officers elected were: President, James Grant; vice-president, H. G. Hinton; treasurer, J. L. Colbert; secretary, Mrs. M. J. Haley; assistant treasurer, Mrs. P. Allan; directors, E. J. Constable, Tom White, G. W. La Croix; credit committee, Mrs. J. De Blaquiere, F. X. O'Neill, C. J. Collins, J. D. Kissinger, Wm. C. Pollard; supervisory, Miss J. M. Clay, E. J. Kenny, Mrs. J. J. O'Brien.

M. P. Grant acted as chairman of nominating committee. Bishop Cody congratulated officers and members on the good work being accomplished.

A conference for the discussion of postwar social problems will be held in Toronto early in February under the auspices of Catholic bishops of Canada. Bishop Cody proposed sending Mrs. J. J. O'Brien, retiring president, as representative of the diocese of Victoria, in recognition of the splendid work she had done for the credit union movement.

'Taffy' and Friends Delight So-Ed Club

Six original and beautifully-talented members of the Y So-Ed Club and their guests at a marionette show directed by W. Neilson Wednesday night.

Mr. Neilson, who is in Victoria from Portland, and his unique "family" gave an amusing show. Mademoiselle Petite, the dancer, Nicodemus, the little nigger-boy, Carmelita, and Taffy, the sailor, who practically stole the show, were all members of the miniature troupe.

Special backgrounds for the barnyard scene starring Madame Hennie and Mr. Quack, and other scenic settings were provided by Mr. Neilson. A collection of appropriate records added to the evening's enjoyment.

This week Mr. Neilson is working in co-operation with Y.M.C.A. war services to provide concerts in all nearby forts. He works 10 or 12 hours a day for the troops.

Next week Mr. Neilson and his puppets will give performances under the auspices of the Canadian Legion.

Impresses Easterner

Father Beaudouin of the Quebec Department of Education has spent two days in Victoria studying B.C.'s system of public school education.

He conferred with Hon. H. G. T. Perry, Minister of Education and chairman of the B.C. Post-war Rehabilitation Council, and with Dr. S. J. Willis, superintendent of education. He spent some time looking into this province's system of high school correspondence courses.

Father Beaudouin is impressed with B.C.'s library services to public schools in outlying districts.

Father Beaudouin left for up-island points and will inspect the Nanaimo-Ladysmith united rural school district, under guidance of Dr. William Plenderleith, inspector of schools and official administrator of the school area.

St. John's to Unveil Honor Roll Sunday

A special community service will be held at St. John's Church, Colwood, Sunday at 7, when the honor roll containing the names of residents of the district serving in the forces will be unveiled by Bishop H. E. Sexton and an address given by the Rev. Dr. Hugh McLeod of First United Church. Residents of the district are invited to attend the service and will be warmly welcomed to the church.

Paintings of Ships

Lovers of ships are interested in the exhibit at the Provincial Library of a small but fine collection of colored reproductions and paintings by Jack Spurling, well-known British marine painter, of famous clipper ships, including the Dreadnought, Titan and Thermopylae.

The exhibit also includes a display of finely-illustrated books under the heading "Fighting Ships, 10-20th Century."

Mr. Justice Gordon Sloan, it was learned here today, has been requested to act as chairman of any arbitration board where disputes arise between management and men in logging contracts throughout the province. Both management and unions made the request, it is understood. There are between 8,000 and 10,000 men who may be involved in such disputes.



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For Pacific Coast Winters 19⁹⁵

Warm wool fleece makes this all-round favorite Topcoat. Single-breasted, balmacaan and raglan styles in herringbone and all-over check patterns. Blue, brown, green, sizes 36 to 42.

Genuine Fur Felt Hats

"The Bay's" own "Beaver" Hats in snap-brim style... leather sweatband. Sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 in medium grey, air force blue, dark blue. Modestly priced at 3⁸⁵

—Men's Furnishings, Street Floor at THE BAY

Dependable Footwear 4⁹⁵

Shoes that will prove their exceptional good value, their extra comfort, while you wear them. Smooth, pliable side leather in this season's most popular smart styles... but try a pair on, Saturday, you're sure to like them. Black and brown in sizes 6 to 11.

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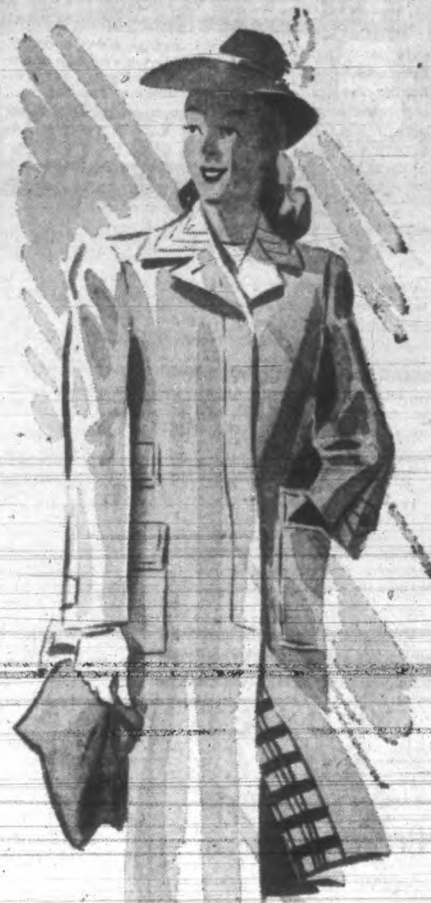
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Just like a duck's back, these fashions shed water. Good-looking, too, they'll serve you in dry weather as well... to college, to business, wherever you go you'll find them indispensable to your wardrobe. This fly-front gabardine (sketched) is in natural shade with big side pockets and handy ticket pocket... gay plaid lining. Choose yours Saturday, knowing you can keep active and dry, come what may. Sizes 12 to 20.

Others at 14.95 to 25.00



Snug And Warm Snow Suits

3 Years 6⁹⁵

For fun outdoors now... next season, too. Warmly-lined One-piece Wool Chinchilla Snow Suit, complete with separate helmet. Fully lined with cozy flannel... collar trimmed with fur... button fastening. Royal, scarlet, sky, navy, wine.

Ski Suits

Warm wool chinchilla in two-piece style. Jacket has parka attached. Two color combinations, scarlet with royal and royal with scarlet. 7⁹⁵

Ski Suits

Heavy wool melton cloth in two-piece style. Warmly-lined Jacket, finished with zipper fastening. Navy and brown, trimmed with colorful braid. Sizes 8 to 14 years. 10⁹⁵

—Children's Wear, Fashion Floor at THE BAY



Boys' And Youths' Oxfords

Sizes 8 to 10 1/2 2.49
Sizes 11 to 13 1/2 2.69
Sizes 14 to 16 2.89
Made for active, growing feet, these neat-fitting Dress Oxfords will take a lot of hard wear. Black side leather with oak bend leather soles. Choose Saturday, while size range is complete.

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Boys' Shirts

Good-wearing broadcloth that stands endless tubbings. Soft or fused attached-collared style in striped colors or plain white. 1.00

Boys' Sweaters

V-neck Pullovers, popular for school wear. Wool and cotton, knitted in flat stitch. Rich wine shade sizes 8 to 14 years. 1.95

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Art Ross Beat Edict

By CHARLIE EDWARDS
TORONTO (CP)—It's a pretty safe bet that the National Hockey League's "gag law" will go by the boards today. The N.H.L. meeting here is unlikely to take any action on Art Ross' apparent breach of the rule forbidding newspaper criticism of officials by other officials or players.

Somehow we can't picture the Boston manager paying the \$1,000 fine for his charge that manager Frank Selke of Toronto instigated the injury to Boston's Bill Cowley. And if Ross gets "home free" on this occasion it will set a precedent for future offenders. N.H.L. governors would risk terrific criticism by press and public if they attempted to fine a less influential official, or player, after letting Ross go scot free.

The navy announcement its teams and players will not be permitted to enter interprovincial playoffs, though they can go as far as provincial finals, will have its effect on the Allan Cup and Memorial Cup, particularly the latter. Navy junior teams were strong contenders in Edmonton and Regina.

The Montreal junior circuit is currently led by Royals, with Canadiens second. Canadiens have eight navy players and Royals five. If either wins the Quebec

title, as seems likely, it will be seriously weakened for the inter provincial competition.

INCIDENTALLY

New York Rangers are angling for return of defenceman Vic Myles, who played with them last year, and is now starting with Moose Jaw Victorias. Jim Coleman of the Toronto Globe and Mail, points out that Bryan Hexall of Rangers has scored 153 goals in only 6½ N.H.L. seasons, while Nels Stewart required 15 seasons to count his record of 323 N.H.L. goals.

"Maybe Hexall will make the grade."

A harness racing revival is planned in southern Saskatchewan, with Assiniboia, Bengough, Rouleau, Lafleche and Gravelbourg on a newly-organized circuit. Allan Boes, Manitoba's leading amateur golfer, and at present the top bowler in the Winnipeg temple league, claims a 300 game in bowling requires more skill and more luck than golf's hole-in-one. He has never scored either himself, but bowled 10 consecutive strikes the other night, and wound up with 289. Art Wiebe should be back in Chicago Black Hawks' defence shortly. He has arranged for care of his Vermilion, Alta., bakery while he pursues the puck.

game at Detroit Dec. 23. He will be out of action for the remainder of the N.H.L. season. Mrs. Warwick accompanied him on the trip to his home.

Scherza, who suffered a fractured rib and a punctured lung in a game against Boston Bruins Dec. 12, will be out for a month. The team's leading scorer, Bill Winger, purchased from Boston early this season, decided to return home to complete his recuperation.

Warwick, Scherza Return to Regina

NEW YORK (AP)—Grant Warwick and Charles Scherza, injured members of the New York Rangers, returned to their homes in Regina to complete recovery. Both were reported in "exceptionally fine" condition. Warwick, speedy right winger, suffered a fractured skull in a

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

VICTORIA'S two entries in the Coast Hockey League will start off a brand new schedule tonight at the Willows rink when Navy hook up with the Victoria Machinery Depot. Up until Wednesday there was a lot of doubt the game would be played as the V.M.D. toyed with the idea of suspending hockey operations for the season. However, the shipbuilders were prevailed on by the league officials to continue play as their folding up might mean the end of the circuit for this season. It would be mighty difficult for the coast loop to operate with three clubs.

Decision of the V.M.D. to play it out to the end of the season will win them a lot of friends among the hockey faithful. Fans will realize the difficulties experienced by the club in doing a team and are certain to give them support. After all, the V.M.D. are one of the few civilian teams left in Canada, and their passing from the hockey picture might prove a serious blow to the future of the sport in this city. The shipyarders have the nucleus of a good team and it would be disastrous for these players to leave Victoria, if it should prove possible for them to be moved under Selective Service.

As a matter of fact most of the players who were brought to the V.M.D. were brought to become associated with the shipyarders have no desire to leave. They like it here and would be perfectly satisfied to make Victoria their permanent home. If this city is going to have hockey after the war these are the players that will form the backbone of any civilian club. Don't forget there will be no service teams to lend their support to the hockey circuits. So we say good luck V.M.D. in your efforts to keep hockey alive.

Directors of the National Hockey League are in session in Toronto today and main point of discussion is reported to be the agreement between the major pro circuit and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. Some of the N.H.L. directors are said to be in favor of breaking off relations with the amateur group. Chief point of objection is the agreement to pay \$500 to the C.A.H.A. for each Canadian amateur making good in big-time pro company.

Red Dutton, managing director of the N.H.L., is one party who favors continuance of the agreement. He takes the stand that \$500 is cheap for a player making good in the N.H.L. and therefore probably worth thousands of dollars in subsequent deals. And he believes it to the advantage of N.H.L. to spend money for development of such stars.

No matter how annoyed, however, the N.H.L. will not sever relations with the C.A.H.A. because it can't get along without co-operation with that body. The C.A.H.A. has international affiliations which will exert some measure of control over transfer of hockey players to Europe when hockey booms there after the war. If the N.H.L. severed relations it would have to compete in player salaries not only with European rink owners but with the Canadian amateur clubs which actually are professional in everything but name.

BASEBALLERS INDUCTED

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (CP)—Ernie White, St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, and Norman Brown, pitcher for the Philadelphia A's,

Play Hockey Tonight



LEO REISE



JOE McARTHUR

Navy and Victoria Machinery Depot clubs will play their first game in the new Coast League hockey schedule at the Willows Arena tonight, starting at 8:30. Reise will hold down a defence berth with the bluejackets while McArthur will centre the first string forward line. Al Euerby and Bobby Summers will make their first appearances tonight with the shipbuilders. A hard, close game is looked for as each club will be after a win to open the revised schedule. Monday night at the Willows the V.M.D. will entertain New Westminster C.P.A.L.

Saturday Sports Card

Intercity Competition

Intercity basketball and soccer and league rugby will feature the local sports program for tomorrow.

Making their first appearance here in the new Intercity League Varsity Thunderbirds will battle the Army in the cage highlight at the High School gym, starting at 7, followed by a women's intercity clash between Wally Yeaman's Unifits and Varsity girls.

Army played its first game in the new circuit against the champion R.C.A.F. Gremlins and suffered defeat in a keen struggle. Varsity also dropped its first start against the Combines. In two exhibition games this season against the R.C.A.F. the students were beaten by close scores. Fans forecast a sharp battle between the troops and the collegians.

Soccer officials will feature juvenile day at the Athletic Park with all gate receipts being devoted to the promotion of juvenile soccer. In the number one match the Victoria Machinery Depot will oppose the Navy in a Garrison Cup fixture, starting at 3.

Arrangements have been completed to bring over the Varsity freshmen to oppose the Victoria High School eleven, starting at 1:45.

Sunday's second division games follow:

V.M.D. vs. A.V.T.S., Heywood Avenue; referee, Hart.

Saanich Indians vs. Yarrows, Beacon Hill; referee, T. Restell.

R.A.F. vs. East Indians, Bullen Park; referee, King.

Two kick-off at 2:30.

Rugby match at Macdonald Park will see the opening of the Cowichan Cup series for the island championship, with the R.A.F. meeting the Naval College, starting at 2:30.

The British Flyers and naval cadets are both determined to usher in the series with a triumph and a fast exhibition is promised.

Line-ups follow:
Naval College—Frank, Wiggs, Slocomb, Carl, Cockerham, Manfold, Henshaw, Koester, Leckey, Wood, Chipman, Howard, Cavanaugh, Sabiston and Fox.

R.A.F. Soccer—Doughty, Chapman, Brodie, Strutt, Sanderson, Dunphy, Harvey, Ross, McAuley, Burwell and Parkinson.

V.M.D.—Evans, Leggett, Mills, Barnswell, Slogar, Dougan, Travis, Parks, Payne, Morgan, Perry, Reside, Lorandini and French.

passed physical examinations and were inducted by the United States armed services here Thursday.

Foreign Horses Add International Touch to Derby

The presence of the "Hula Hoss"—Ruth Collins' Kope Kona—plus the possibility that a Mexican delegation may also take a shot at the jackpot, give the big heat its first international touch since O'mar Khayyam came from England to pick up the marbles one world war ago.

Then there's the likelihood that the starter may tip his hat to the biggest collection of fillies ever to run in the Derby. The young ladies have their best chance in years.

Col. Winn is looking for a big field, possibly eclipsing the 22-horse rodeo in which Regh Count "rassled" his way home in 1928.

Other foreign-owned or bred gee-gees have been nominated for the Derby since Omar pitched his tent in the winner's circle at the Downs back in 1917, but none of them got to the post. But it's a safe bet Miss Collins didn't send Kope Kona 4,863 miles from home just to give the young man a chance to see the world.

LIKE WIDENER COIT

Some one recently mentioned "Kentucky Derby" in the jockey room at Hialeah Park and the jockeys were all for Platter.

Bright-garbed riders stopped pulling on boots or adjusting caps long enough to shout the name of the G. D. Widener colt. The son of Pilate was two to one against the field.

Running a poor second in the jockeys' estimation were the current public choice, C. V. Whitney's Pukka Gin, and A. C. Ernest's Altor.

Not one bothered to mention Occup, voted the top two-year-old of last season.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The San Francisco baseball club announced Thursday that Joe Prinz, veteran catcher, had signed his 1944 baseball contract, the first of the Seals to come to terms this season. Prinz will be playing his seventh consecutive season for the local Coast League team.

Would Form Women's Pro Golf Association

CHICAGO (AP)—Spar Betty Hicks, who wants to organize a Women's Professional Golfers' Association of America, said on Thursday she favored holding the meets with the men's and having a winter tour as well as a summer program.

Miss Hicks, who won the duration national amateur championship in 1941 and then turned pro, is taking the lead in promoting the women's pro idea, which may be one of the big developments in the expected resurgence of sports after the war.

Vines Shoots Great 64 to Canture Golf

SAN GABRIEL, Calif. (AP)—Ellsworth Vines, one of the all-time greats of the tennis game, has just won his first golf tournament against big-time competition. He captured the San Gabriel Country Club's pro-amateur best ball event Thursday with a career record-equalling 64, seven strokes under par.

Byron Nelson, golf's man of the year in 1943, finished second with a 67.

Hockey Leaders

Doug Bentley, Chicago, helped set-up one goal last night when Detroit defeated Black Hawks 4 to 3, and put himself in a sixth-place tie with Toronto's Gus Bodnar in the National Hockey League's high-scoring list.

Leaders follow:

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
1. Carr, Toronto	24	29	53
2. Bentley, Chicago	23	29	52
3. Bodnar, Toronto	22	29	51
4. Lach, Canadiens	20	31	51
5. D. Bentley, Chicago	18	22	40
6. Bodnar, Toronto	18	21	39

Rickey Plans Big Fight to Retain Chain-Store Ball

NEW YORK (AP)—Branch Rickey, a man of many words, left a lot of things unsaid at a press conference Thursday, but he also said enough to convince a group of reporters that he is ready to put up a fight for "chain-store" baseball if it becomes necessary.

After giving off a few preliminary sparks when he said that baseball commissioner K. M. Landis is not interested in the extension of baseball, Rickey kept the firework under cover while he discussed the shortage of good ball players and the difficulty of getting them to sign contracts.

When someone finally brought up the question whether the controversy over the farm system will be revived when the major league agreement is rewritten this year, the originator of the chain idea looked out the window a moment and replied: "I suppose it will."

Rickey said he had just two statements to make on the subject.

"The farm system is not altogether a result of effort on the part of the higher classification clubs," he said, "but it is the result of the needs of clubs in the lower classes."

"Two, the rehabilitation of the minors does not rest on theories. The leagues will exist or not exist. They can exist only because they're properly financed."

Citing the comparatively small reserve lists of the major league clubs, Rickey said he doubted whether class "AA" and "A-1" baseball would continue in 1944. "I see no reason for doubt about the majors going ahead," he said. "I am glad the double A's feel confident and I wish I could feel as confident as they are."

The class "C" and "D" leagues will not face the same problems, he said, because they are in better position to obtain players who are free agents.

California Boxing Draws Investigation

SACRAMENTO (AP)—William P. Haughton, Los Angeles attorney and department commissioner of the American Legion of California, was named to the state athletic commission Thursday by Governor Warren, who said he will expect Haughton to make an immediate investigation of charges that "open gambling has made a racket of California boxing."

Haughton, who will replace Everett Sanders, also of Los Angeles, is Warren's first appointment to the five-member athletic commission, which governs both boxing and wrestling activities in the state.

The governor's request for an investigation followed a statement by Willie Ritchie, former lightweight boxing champion and chief athletic commissioner inpector, who declared "something must be done to halt open gambling and the places that are the direct result of it."

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Goalie Dion Brilliant In Detroit Hockey Win

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Detroit Red Wings have established a National Hockey League record by using four goalkeepers so far this season, but they're not likely to make any more adjustments in that department unless Conny Dion's current form changes radically.

Since the 25-year-old Cornwall, Ont., product made his first start in the nets against Montreal Canadiens Jan. 13, he has figured in three Detroit victories and one tie. He rose to the heights Thursday night, fending off eight shots in the last two minutes as Red Wings conquered Chicago Black Hawks 4 to 3 to stretch their unbeaten string to five victories and one tie in their last six starts.

Manager Paul Thompson flung six forwards over the boards in the last 34 seconds as Dion tried to tie the count, but they couldn't beat Dion, who seems likely to become a permanent successor to Harry Lumley, Jimmy Franks and Normie Smith as Detroit backstop.

Dion, standing five feet five inches and weighing 140 pounds, is the 14th goalie to appear in the N.H.L. this season but Detroit is the first team in the league's history to use four goalers in one campaign. Dion was displaced from the "Canadian army" because of a leg injury.

Red Deer Captures Alberta Hockey Lead

RED DEER, Alta. (CP)—Red Deer Army Wheelers broke a three-team first-place deadlock in the newly-named Alberta Garrison Hockey League here Thursday night with a convincing 9 to 1 victory over Calgary Tecumseh Mustangs. More than 2,000 persons saw the game.

The Calgary club, minus its air force players due to the recent ruling which allowed airmen to play only one game every two weeks, held the Mac Colville-coached Wheelers to three goals in the first period and one in the second. The Mustangs smashed through for five in the final 20 minutes.

Red Deer now has 10 points, two more than Calgary Currie Barracks and Tecumseh Mustangs.

Wrestling Fan Fined \$10 for Assault

BOSTON (AP)—Joseph D. Fabiano, 25, 140-pound spectacle laborer who allegedly took a poke at the Golden Terror, 379-pound wrestler, when the latter emerged from the arena ring Wednesday night is a nervous man.

Charged with assault and battery on Patrolman Francis Gunning who suffered a fractured thumb in the melee, Fabiano, who disagreed with the decision making the Terror the victor over Leo Numa, told Judge Franklin W. L. Miles that he never before had attended a wrestling match and was 4½ in the draft "on account of my nerves."

Judge Miles advised Fabiano to stay away from wrestling matches while his nerves are in their present state and fined him \$10.

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8 Canadian N.C.O.'s Get Field Promotions

WITH THE 5TH ARMY IN ITALY (CP)—In the thick of battle amid hills bearing a striking resemblance to the Laurentians but not quite so peaceful, eight young Canadian non-commissioned officers of the combined Canada-United States special force fighting the Germans suddenly became officers. As Tommyguns stuttered and

rifles barked midway up a snow-capped mountain, orders reached the front that the eight men had been made first lieutenants in this "commando-like" unit.

There was no time for a celebration then, but later when the unit was resting at a rear base they were duly sworn in at a special parade.

Those commissioned in the field included Staff Sgt. Robert Devlin and Sgt. W. S. Story, both of Winnipeg.

Uncle Ray

Safety Razors Have Changed Shaving Customs

Not long ago I chatted with a barber about changes in shaving customs during the past 15 or 20 years.

"There has been a big change," he said. "I used to give 10 shaves for each haircut, but now it's the other way around. I give about 10 hair cuts for each shave!" Barbers now have few shaving customers for a very simple reason. Safety razors have come into widespread use, and men have found that they can shave their own faces very well.

In my father's day, some men shaved themselves with old-fashioned razors. My father took care of his own shaving, and I remember watching him do it. He used a long-bladed, sharp-edged razor with no guard over the edge. Now and then he cut his face a bit, but usually he got along very well.

Men have been shaving, or getting shaved, for thousands of years. In some ancient countries

it was the custom to let the beard grow, but in others the men liked to be smooth-shaven. Sometimes they shaved off all the hair, except the mustache. In other cases they let both a mustache and a short beard grow, but were careful to trim away the long hairs.



The ancient Egyptians often shaved their heads as well as their faces. The more wealthy men had wigs, which they could put on their heads when they wished to do so.

Alexander the Great, the king of Macedonia 2,375 years ago, had soldiers who wore beards. Marching to war against the Persians, Alexander ordered his men to shave off their beards. By doing this, he said, a soldier would take away a "handle" which a Persian could take hold of in hand-to-hand fighting.

Knives with keen blades were used as razors in ancient times. Some of these had very odd shapes. Hollow ground razor blades were first made about 140 years ago.

In 1875 a British inventor prepared a guard for the old-fashioned long razor blade. This was followed by a modern-type safety razor with a short, guarded blade.

Safety razors gained favor about 1900, and have since the present century. Since then, hundreds of millions of them have been sold. In the past 10 years electric razors—also of a safety type—have found a growing market.

(For general interest section of your scrapbook.)

Letters to the Editor

FRONTIER CONTROVERSY

The same Poland which, about 1939, prevented an Anglo-French-Soviet alliance by refusing to allow the passage of Soviet troops in the event that Germany declared war, is once more creating a delicate diplomatic situation by acting in a similar manner over the entrance of Russian troops across her border. The comfortably-placed, self-exiled Polish government seemingly prefers to have the Nazi heel remain upon her land than see the Nazis driven out by Soviet troops. That, of course, is not the official reason given by the Poles, the matter in dispute reputedly being the question of borders. But one feels that the leopard has not changed its spots.

This time, however, titanic forces are at work to bring about the emancipation of humanity from the old cruel, selfish and thoughtless way of life, and all things are at a risk. The peoples of the entire world are disturbed as never before—and old land marks, old conventions, old shibboleths are gradually going overboard as humanity girds its loins for the great march forward. It would seem, therefore, that the Polish government in hiding, and, for that matter, the governments of some other nations would do well to take stock of the trend of world events and of themselves.

CLYDE FRASER.

790 Linkless Avenue, Jan. 18.

TO CIVIC PLANNERS

It would appear fitting to offer a few suggestions regarding the proposed building project of the Civic Planning Committee as outlined in the Times of recent date. This is doubtless premature advice, nevertheless here it is: Where a building lends itself to sound, artistically-applied principles, it should be the direct concern of all persons in whatever capacity on the civic committee board to see that the truth is applied to the highest possible degree where the use of sculptures is employed. I have in mind, of course, the reference to the equestrian statue of Whitehall, London, and the lesson to be heeded therefrom.

One of the banks on Eighth Avenue, Calgary, has depicted on its walls various objects in stucco or such like execution in cement, depicting western plains objects. I have in mind a stock saddle of a very mediocre calibre. These poorly proportioned and incorrect-in-detail jobs should never be tolerated on public buildings or in any place where they are daily subjected to scrutiny.

How much better to build truly and well, on the level and on the square and to avoid all features that have tendency to jar the susceptibilities of present and future peoples. In this respect we recall the frieze of the Parthenon, the very beautiful sculptures thereon, known as the Elgin Marbles, in the British Museum. The figures include men and horses all in motion, that is, no two horses have been created alike, giving the effect of one continuous trot

around and around the building—the men running, too—both ways or at least in various poses.

Should Victorians entertain the notion of permitting the civic committee board to erect sculptures, they would be much less open to the dangers of public censure in using the Egyptian style of art in place of the Grecian.

A. J. A. BELL.

Washington, Victoria Colonels' Rivals

Washington, D.C., and Victoria, B.C., long regarded as two of the most beautiful cities in North America are rivals for the affections of Col. K. B. Bush, chief of staff of the U.S. Army's Northwest Service Command, with headquarters at Whitehorse, who spent furlough in Victoria recently.

"I always had regarded Washington, D.C., as the ideal place to which to retire," Col. Bush said when he returned to Whitehorse, "but now my wife and I are undecided between Washington and Victoria."

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Tojo Tells Japs They Must Produce More Warplanes

NEW YORK (AP)—Premier Hideki Tojo told the Japanese Diet today that "a golden opportunity" was at hand to strike a crushing blow against the Allies and called for expansion of Japan's "national labor service" to speed to the front "superior aircraft" according to a Domei broadcast over the Tokyo radio.

The broadcast, recorded by U.S. government monitors, quoted Tojo as saying air power "will decide the general trend in the present war situation and determine its outcome." He warned, however, that Japan's ability to deliver planes depended on an immediate increase in basic war materials such as iron, light metals and coal; an improvement in land and sea transportation, and an expansion of the labor service.

Domei said Tojo told the Diet

that "unrest" in the United States and "increasing exhaustion" in Great Britain had given both countries "a craving for a short war."

MUNITIONS FIELD

"Munitions production, upon which the United States greatly relies, already has reached its peak and as problems of material and manpower arise, unrest increases in intensity," Tojo was quoted as saying. He added: "In Britain the national strength has declined and the degree of exhaustion is becoming greater and greater."

"The enemy," he said, "is in a fit of impatience. When the enemy is in such a state, a golden opportunity not to be missed is offered us to inflict upon them a crushing blow and drive them to their catastrophic end."

Domei quoted Tojo as acknowledging that Japanese shipping had suffered losses which "cannot be by any means minimized."

"The government is endeavoring to reduce losses in shipping by strengthening the sea and air protection," he said.

May Disfranchise Disloyal U.S. Japs

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to deprive disloyal Japanese and others of their U.S. citizenships is before the House Immigration and Naturalization committee.

Representative Sheppard (Dem., Calif.), introducing the bill Thursday, quoted Attorney General Biddle as having told the House committee on un-American activities last year that there is no reason why Japanese-Americans who have said they are loyal to Japan and do not want to be Americans should not lose their U.S. citizenship, but that there is no statute for this purpose.

Sheppard testified that from 5,000 to 20,000 Japanese in this country have expressed in writing their loyalty to Japan, and that his bill merely provides for taking away the U.S. citizenship of "those who have established their allegiance to Japan by their own commitment."

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Mrs. McQuade, 85, Here 75 Years, Dies

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McQuade, widow of Edward A. McQuade, founder of the ship chandlery which bore his name for many years, passed away today at her residence, 1123 Rockland Avenue.
 Mrs. McQuade was born in San Francisco 85 years ago and came to Victoria ten years later.
 Mrs. McQuade took an active part in the musical life of this city before the turn of the century and was soloist in St. Andrew's Cathedral for many years.
 Funeral will be held Monday at 8.45 from Hayward's B.C. Funeral chapel and fifteen minutes later services will be conducted in St. Andrew's Cathedral.
 One son, Edward C., survives.

Rev. E. V. Bird Leaves Church of Our Lord

Rev. E. V. Bird, who has for three years past been rector of the Church of Our Lord, will leave Victoria Saturday to take charge of an Anglican church in Hazelton, B.C.
 Rev. Mr. Bird and Mrs. Bird and their friends were entertained by the church, in the Bridge Memorial Hall, Wednesday evening, C. E. Laundry acted as chairman, owing to the absence of Warden F. M. Shandley. Rev. G. H. Scarrett and Rev. T. H. Laundry spoke on behalf of the church, and the church warden presented a purse suitably filled as a token of appreciation from the congregation. Mrs. Bird received several gifts.
 Until a new rector is appointed the church services and offices will be in charge of Rev. T. H. Laundry. Rev. Mr. Scarrett will officiate at both services Sunday next.

Birthrate Growing

B.C.'s birthrate continues to grow, according to the annual report of the division of vital statistics.
 Birthrate last year was 22 per 1,000 population, compared with 20.4 the year before.
 Infant mortality last year increased for the first time in years, but maternal mortality decreased.

Club Progressing On New Glider

Victoria and Island Gliding and Soaring Club Inc. expects to have its new "Dagling Model" primary training glider ready for the air during the spring. Ald. B. J. Gadsden, club president, said today.
 Excellent progress is being made on the motorless machine, he reported, and a complete set of blueprints has been secured for the Kirby Kadet secondary sail plane, a more advanced type. The membership plans to set up jigs and forms for the latter at an early date, meeting for work sessions in the hangar Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 10.
 The club will hold a special general meeting Jan. 27 at 8, followed by a directors meeting in the club quarters, 1407 Broad.

Awards Offered For Drama Authors

Maj. L. Bullock-Webster, provincial director of community drama, announces Canadian writers are eligible to enter the annual contest of Dramatists' Alliance of Stanford University.
 Anderson Award for verse drama which includes presentation during Dramatists' Assembly, recommendation to publishing groups and \$100. Benet Award for short plays about American life is \$50 along with recommendation to broadcasting groups. Gray Award in dramatic criticism is \$25.
 Manuscripts are to be sent to Proctor for Drama Awards, Office 2002, Stanford University, Calif. Closing date for the contests is March 15, 1944.

TOWN TOPICS

Traffic and parking fines totaling \$20 were collected in city court today.
Display of Canadian artists' work now on view at Victoria High School will be open to the public Tuesday night.
Fire in an auto at Broad and Broughton at 11 Thursday night did slight damage before it was extinguished by city firemen.
A. W. Miller, Cameron Lumber Co. Ltd., told police Thursday several log booms near the C.N.R. depot had been cut loose.
Canadian Jewish Congress Servicemen's Centre, Blanshard Street, will present the picture, "So Proudly We Hail," Sunday evening at 8.
Victoria Choral Union will hold a rehearsal for "Messiah" tonight at 8.30 in the Memorial Hall, Jan. Galliford, conducting. Experienced singers invited to assist in this community effort.

Apparently suffering a stroke while walking to her home, Mrs. Ellen J. Crowe, 3368 Douglas Street, was found on Ardersier Street at 5.15 Thursday evening by Sanich police. She died before arriving at St. Joseph's Hospital.

With Our Servicemen Dies of Wounds

Word has been received by his wife in Victoria of the death in Italy of Pte. Gordon F. Paine, 24, Seaford Highlanders of Canada, who enlisted in the Seaford in February, 1943.
 Pte. Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Paine, who are now residing in Vancouver with three daughters and a son, was wounded Dec. 11 and died of his wounds four days later. He attended St. Louis College, and at the time of his enlistment was employed by Paine and Townsend of this city.
 His wife, the former Winnifred Ryles, and a daughter, are residing at 2215 Fernwood Road. Pte. Paine was connected with civil defence through the Eagles.

brother John, R.C.A.F., is now stationed at Calgary.



P.O. Jack Drake, former member of the Times advertising department, is home on leave visiting his wife at 1035 Caledonia Avenue, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Drake, 1035 Inverness Street. P.O. Drake has been on Atlantic patrol.

Former student of Oak Bay High School, Robert McNeill, now in R.C.A.F. somewhere in the Mediterranean, wishes he had studied French a little more he says in a letter to his former principal.
 "Since the last time that I saw Oak Bay I've done quite a bit of traveling," and goes on to describe his travels in the Old Country and all through Africa from Capetown to Aden. "It was in Alexandria that I first missed my French," he continues, "French is the most spoken tongue and of course I was pretty well finished when it came to that. I never would believe, when I was going to school, that French would come in handy some time. This winter to make up for that I'm studying French and also Maths."
 Sub-Lt. David Anstey, R.C.N.V.R., and Sub-Lt. Victor Graves of Nelson, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Anstey, 1944—Gonzales Avenue, are leaving tomorrow for the east.

Enlistments in the Active Army from Jan. 13 to 19 include: Gordon Robert Rowe, Quathlan Cove; Robert Clyde Hall, Duncan; Gerald Robert Bryden, Cumberland.

Isla Belle Brandon, 2556 Albina Street, Victoria, enlisted in the C.W.A.C.
 Joseph Raymond Lachapelle, No. 10 Provost Coy., C. Prov. C., has transferred to the Active Army.

PRESENT PAY INCREASE UNDER NEW PLAN

PRIVATE WITH THREE YEARS SERVICE A WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN
 EACH SYMBOL REPRESENTS 50 DOLLARS

Increases in mustering-out pay to men of the army, navy and air force, proposed at Ottawa, are illustrated in this chart. Demobilization allowance would be given on basis of one month's pay for every three years' service. Thus, an army private with three years' service, married with three children, would get, under the new plan, \$342, plus \$65 for clothing, instead of the present rate of \$114 plus \$65. A captain would get \$867, instead of \$289.

Death of Lenin Commemorated Here

With the flag of the U.S.S.R. in the background, Mrs. Minerva Cooper of Vancouver, provincial secretary of the Labor Progressive Party, addressed a meeting in Chamber of Commerce Hall, Thursday night, to commemorate the death 20 years ago of Nikolai Lenin, founder of the Soviet Republic.
 Tracing the life of Lenin, she stressed his leadership particularly during the years 1917 to 1921, and spoke of his struggles with the Trotsky group. Mrs. Cooper then outlined the development of the U.S.S.R. from the time of Lenin's death to the present day.
 Turning to subjects of today's headlines she said the "Pravda" rumor concerning a "British warning" with Ribbentrop was "a warning" and that it gave the Allies an opportunity to deny the possibility of a separate peace. Of the promise of Teheran, Mrs. Cooper said that most of the people of Britain and the United States were behind Churchill and Roosevelt when they signed the agreements, but added that a part of every ruling class would not accept the decisions.
 "The promise of the Teheran agreements must be realized. We must allow progressive governments to develop in liberated Europe free of outside interference."
 On the subject of the Labor Progressive Party's move for unity, Mrs. Cooper told her audience that there had been some support from the C.C.F. and added that a "divided working class could mean the election of a reactionary government in Canada and destruction of the Teheran promise."
 A resolution proposed by Wil-

Contractors Here Drop 40 Per Cent. Under New Ruling

Victoria contractors stand to lose as much as two-fifths of their legitimate profit on Dominion Government contracts already let, and those for which tenders have been submitted, as a result of the latest wage regulation handed down by Ottawa, it was learned in building circles today.
 In one specific case—a \$300,000 project—the contractor may drop as much as \$6,000. In others the reduction on the accepted 5 per cent total value will run from \$800 up. The condition, contractors stated, may also apply to major private undertakings where government-set wages are accepted as standard. On jobs where carpenters predominate the cut in the contractor's share is most severe.
 The condition arises from the fact contracts have been let with builders signing agreements to meet specified wage rates set by the government. Until recently the carpenters' scale was \$1 an hour. To that has been added 10 cents.
 Tenders have been submitted by Victorians within the rigid limits of the \$1 an hour rate. Higher or lower scales were forbidden, and were, in effect, violations of existing law. The addition of the 10 cents, an arbitrary move by the government, has been enforced on some jobs which started as long ago as last spring, and are still continuing. It also applies to those for which bids have been submitted but no contracts let.
 Contractors are concerned mainly with carpenters. A similar though less noticeable impact will be felt in other construction crafts as far as wage scales are concerned.
 In 1939 the accepted rate for carpenters was 80 cents an hour here. By 1940 it had risen to 90 cents. As the result of applications by members of that trade it was boosted another 2 1/2 cents in Oct., 1941, and was raised to \$1 an hour in Sept., 1942, to bring the Victoria rate up to par with that prevailing in Vancouver and at which Vancouver workmen were working on Victoria jobs.
 That was the basis on which recent contracts have been drawn.
 The new 10 per cent addition throws figuring out of line, contractors contend, and in a highly competitive field, where profits have been cut considerably in order to secure work, the effect has been too drastic.
 Applications for reimbursements, members of the Victoria Builders Exchange reported, have been declined by federal authorities.
 The action draws further complaint on the grounds persons difficulties now are loading up gangs of carpenters with men below ordinary standards.
 The whole question, with other ramifications, will be aired at a meeting of the Victoria Builders Exchange early next month.

C.C.F. Executive Scores Labor Order

Concern for the safety of parliamentary institutions was expressed by delegates to the district executive of the Victoria C.C.F. on reading a summary of the new Wartime Wages Control Order at a meeting in Woods worth Hall, Thursday.
 A summary, in handbill form, prepared by the Joint Labor Conference of Victorians, was discussed.
 The practice of issuing hasty orders-in-council, regardless of whether Parliament was in session or not, was criticized.
 Delegates favored all possible co-operation with the trade union movement in efforts to have the order-in-council abolished.
 Use of Woodsworth Hall and all facilities of the Victoria C.C.F. were offered to the Joint Labor Conference to this end, and a committee composed of H. Thayer, J. McAree, W. Dolman, with F. J. Bevis as chairman, was appointed to act with power to add to their numbers.
 Necessity of bridling up a tune in view of the possibility of 60th federal and provincial elections occurring in the near future was discussed.

At Seattle Meeting

Experiment at Ladysmith, endeavoring to prove that logging waste may be used for manufacture of pulp, was described in Seattle this week to the Pacific Loggers' Congress by officials of B.C.'s forest service.
 In attendance from Victoria were C. D. Orchard, chief forester; A. P. McBean, government supervisor of the experiment at Ladysmith, while James Sheasgreen attended from Powell River.
 W. B. Osborne of the U.S. forest service at Portland who recently visited the Ladysmith operation, told the convention that second logging undoubtedly reduce the fire hazard and at the same time promote natural seeding.

Glad Tidings Raises \$17,000, Free of Debt

Total financial receipts of Glad Tidings Tabernacle amounted to more than \$17,000 for the year 1943, E. E. Goodwyn, treasurer, reported at the annual business meeting of the Tabernacle, which was held recently, with E. W. Robinson in the chair.
 Reports given from all departments showed increases over previous years and missionary offerings, which totaled \$6,045 were on an average of \$500 a month.
 Mortgage on the church was burned in December, and the Tabernacle stands free of debt, reports stated.

Death Rate Grew In B.C. Last Year

Death rate per 1,000 population in B.C. last year grew to 11.5 compared with 10.5 the year before, according to the annual report of the government's division of vital statistics.
 There were 9,918 deaths in the province last year. Diseases of the heart and arteries is first killer, taking 3,277 lives last year. Next on the list is cancer, which claimed 1,250 lives in 1943. Third on the list are accidents, which took 825 lives, Tuberculosis, once first, is now in fourth place, last year claiming 572 lives. Influenza claimed 211 victims, and diabetes accounted for 123 deaths.

Adoptions Increased In B.C. Last Year

Adoptions are on the increase in British Columbia, says the government's vital statistics annual report.
 Last year 249 children were legally adopted, compared with 152 the year before.
 There are a number of reasons, officials of the social welfare bureau believe. Many men, going into uniform, decided to have children living with them legally adopted, so they could claim dependents' allowances. Too good wages encouraged many families to legally adopt their own children.

British Bundles Workers Needed

Up in the North Atlantic, the Arctic Ocean, on the way to Murmansk, or anywhere the wind is howling, hard and cold through a ship's rigging, there are men on watch, on the bridge or on gun platforms, looking, everlastingly searching the seas and the skies for danger. For four hours at a time the merchant seaman stands with the icy winds biting viciously through his clothing. His thoughts are usually down in his bunk, where warm blankets lie waiting. That does not help, though, as he bangs the spray, now turned into ice, from his frozen mittens. Day in and day out the seaman leads his life, accepts it, and goes back again and again to the discomforts of his trade.
 This is what the British Bundles windbreaker department, a branch of the Salvage Corps of B.C. would like people to realize when they turn the appeal for volunteer work over in their minds. In Room 403 Central Building there are women making vests out of old felt hats, cut up and sewn together to form an excellent protection against the wind.
 Their desire is to provide eight of these windbreakers for every merchant ship. An urgent appeal is being launched for women to do machining, cutting and assembling for one day a week, or even half a day a week, to make this possible.

Victorians Learn Russian By Radio

"You can conduct a limited conversation in Russian with the vocabulary in the first three lessons of this course," Prof. Ivar Spector of the University of Washington told a radio audience last night during a series of lessons in the Russian language broadcast from station KRSC, 1,130 kilocycles, Seattle. Victorians are listening to the broadcasts which start at 5.30 p.m. every week-day.
 "Shut yourself up alone and talk to a chair or table," he told his radio pupils. "To learn a language you must speak it aloud."
 Professor Spector then read sentences from his text "College Russian," speaking slowly and pronouncing each word with care. As if they were in a classroom his listeners were instructed to review lessons already covered and to prepare a new lesson for the next broadcast.

Bennett and White Awarded Big Job

Tender for reconstruction of the government's mental home at New Westminster was awarded today by Public Works Minister Herbert Anscomb to Bennett and White Construction Company of Vancouver for \$294,800. It was the lowest of four bids. J. A. Pollard Construction Company, Victoria, put in a bid for \$364,352. Work will start shortly, but it will be a year or 18 months before the building is ready for occupancy. Plans were drawn by Henry Whittaker, government architect.

Narcissi in Bloom

Miss L. Angus, 1321 Rockland Avenue, has paper white narcissi, snowdrops and pink primroses in bloom. She brought some of the sweet-smelling narcissi to the Times office today.
 Miss Angus has lived in Victoria for 53 years and this has been the mildest weather, with the exception of one winter, that she has experienced here, she said.

APPEAL COURT

Appeal of Henry Theodore Fry against conviction at the Vernon fall assizes and sentence by Mr. Justice Bird to three years on a rape charge, was opened by Stuart Henderson in Court of Appeal today. The case is continuing with Alfred Bull, K.C., representing the crown respondent, Thursday afternoon the court reserved judgment on the appeal of Ray W. Jones Jr., et al, against a judgment in favor of the British America Timber Co. Ltd.

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Announcements

DEATHS

MAGWOOD—At the home of his daughter, 119 Ontario Street, passed away Thursday afternoon, January 20, 1944, at the age of 55 years. Mr. Magwood was born in Ontario, Canada, and was a resident of Victoria for many years. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. M. Magwood, and two daughters, Mrs. J. Magwood and Mrs. M. Magwood. Burial will take place at the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery on Saturday, January 21, 1944, at 10 o'clock a.m. Friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery.

DEATHS

MASTERS—Jan. 1, accidentally, Frank Masters, aged 31 years; born in England and a resident of Victoria about three years. His residence 1319 Broad Street. The funeral will take place Saturday, Jan. 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery. Burial will take place at the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery.

DEATHS

SHAW—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital on Jan. 19, 1944, Mrs. Sarah Ann Shaw, 91 years old, born in Lower West England, and had resided in Victoria for the last 15 years. The late Mrs. Shaw is survived by one son, Charles Shaw, who resides in the city, and one daughter, Mrs. J. Shaw, who resides in the city. Burial will take place at the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery on Saturday, January 21, 1944, at 10 o'clock a.m. Friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery.

DEATHS

SWALES—At Royal Jubilee Hospital on Jan. 19, 1944, Mr. John Little Swales, aged 76 years; born in Ontario, Canada, and a resident of Victoria for many years. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. J. Swales, and two daughters, Mrs. J. Swales and Mrs. J. Swales. Burial will take place at the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery on Saturday, January 21, 1944, at 10 o'clock a.m. Friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the Victoria Memorial Park cemetery.

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ALEXANDER—In loving memory of our dear son, "Pete," Mr. Peter Bruce Alexander, who lost his life in air operations near Okla., Jan. 21, 1942. Remembrance keeps him near. Inserted by father, mother and family.

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